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Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat dances in Hebron yesterday with Mayor Mustafa Natshe in celebration of the last day of the Id al-Fitr feast. He is expected to go to Ramallah today, if 23 women prisoners there are released as expected. Arafat was received by dignitaries and a marching band and a delegation of Arab MKs, who said they were impressed by his positive spirit about the future of talks. Arafat himself joked that 'Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine and whoever does not like it can go drink

# Har-Shefi to be charged with helping Amir

The State Attorney's Office has decided to Amir in assassinating prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Justice Ministry announced yes-

The indicument will be filed today, 15 months after the assassination, in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. A Justice Ministry spokesman said the indictment took so long to prepare for two reasons: Har-Shefi was a witness in the conspiracy trial of Amir, his hrother Haggai, and Dror Adani, and the State Attorney's Office did not want her testimony to be compromised; and secondly, because six tigated in connection with the crime will not be people were being investigated on similar prosecuted, the ministry said. The cases against

amount of cross-checking.

. According to the indictment, Har-Shefi told Amur where the armory in Dert El was it and also gave him the name of a chemist whom she said could belp him make bombs. In the end, however, these attempts to assist Amir were not relevant to the assassination, which Amir committed with his own pistol and hullets manufactured by his brother, Haggai.

The indictment also charges that Har-Shefi, who is a former girlfriend of Amir's, knew he planned to kill Rabin, but failed to inform the

proper authorities. However, five other people who were inves-

charges, the investigation involved a lengthy Ohad Skomik and Binyamin Aharoni were closed due to insufficient evidence, while Shmuel Shaki, Michael Epstein, and Hila to be completely in the cit

Skornik, like Har-Shefi, was suspected of knowing about Amir's plans but keeping silent. He was also suspected of conspiring to commit terror attacks against Palestinians - a crime for which the Amirs and Adani were convicted. Aharoni was suspected of public mischiefmaking, for calling the media after the assassioation and claiming that a group be headed was responsible.

Shaki and Epstein were suspected of conspiring to commit a crime and of not informing the authorities about Amir's intections, while Frank was suspected of the latter offeose.

# Third Way, NRP threaten to topple gov't over Jerusalem construction

MKs from the Third Way and the National Religious Party have threatened to upset the work of the government to the point of top-pling it, if Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu does not move on various construction projects in Jerusalem.

Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), one of the most outspoken MKs on the issue, has said the strengthening of Jerusalem is an essential part of his party's platform. "We see the construction of the Har Homa neighborhood as essential,"

The Yisrael Ba'aliva faction is calling on Netanyahn to immediately start construction in Har Homa and of Route No. 45 at the

northern entrance to the city. Netanyahu is scheduled to meet with coalition faction heads today to discuss the political struggle for Jerusalem, Jerusalem Mayor Ehod Olmert is expected to attend the meeting.

Coalition and Likud faction

chairman Michael Eitan, who arranged the meeting, noted that at a gathering of coalition MKs last week, there was heavy criticism of the government's policies oo Jerusalem. That meeting, at the

initiative of the NRP, discussed building in the capital.

NRP faction chairman Hanan Porat presented a docoment, which was endorsed by all the non-haredi coalition parties, calling for housing construction in the Har Homa area and for homes to be huilt along the Ma'aleb Adumim-Jerusalem road. It also demands the construction of Road No. 45 entering Jerusalem from the oorth.

Yehuda Harel (Third Way) said his party could also "not be satisfied with less than this."

The Third Way is calling for 1,500 bousing units and 3,000

hotel rooms to be built in the area between Ma'aleb Adumim and Jerusalem, as well as roads and the start of the Har Homa project.

Olmert told the MKs that former bousing minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and former finance minister Avraham Shohat (both Labor) recently met with Netanyahu and expressed support for the Har Homa project.

Yisrael Ba'aliya faction chairman Roman Bronfman said that constructioo in the Greater Jerusalem area enjoyed broad public support. He asked opposition MIKs to support such work as a commitment to Jerusalem.

# 2 convicted in Crown Heights murder

#### By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - More than five . years after rioting by blacks in Crown Heights left Yankel Rosenbaum dead, two black men were convicted yesterday on charges related to his murder.

On the fourth day of deliberation in federal court in Brooklyn, the juty found Lemrick Nelson Jr. and Charles Price guilty of violating the civil rights of Rosenbaum, who was knifed to death during the black pogrom in Crown Heights in 1991.

Nelson was acquired of murder charges in state court more than four years ago, and the acquittal



In appeals for calm yesterday, officials and communal leaders said the verdict was about justice,

sparked demands from the Jewish

community for federal interven-

tion. Two years later, Attorney-

General Janet Reno ordered a civil

rights investigation that led to the

not race. But they also cautioned that the Crown Heights case is not "After five and a half years of pursuing justice with disappointment and frustration, finally a measure of justice had been achieved for the victims of the

Crown Heights riots," said Michael Miller, executive director of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council. Rosenbaum, a 29-year-old student from Australia, was attacked by a mob of young black men in the first of four days of rioting in August 1991. The rampage in the Brooklyo neighborhood began after a black child was hit and killed by a hassidic motorist in the Lubavitcher rebbe's motorcade. On the final day of deliberations, the jury reportedly asked to see videotape from that accideot,

although it is not clear what role

Prosecutor Valerie Caproni had charged that Nelson and Price were part of a murderous "vigilante gang" that was out to kill a

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# PM to reveal finalstatus principles

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will reveal the principles that will guide Israel in finalstatus talks with the Palestinians to President Bill Clinton and 10p US officials when they meet on Thursday, the premier's aides indicated yesterday.

He will also tell them the extent of the pullback on the West Bank scheduled for March 7.

"We think it would be a good idea for the Americans to know the basic outlines of our thinking on final status," one Netanyahu aide said, adding that Netanyahu will stick to general principles and not present an exact map,

The exteot of the March 7 pullback was one of the two key subjects discussed in consultations between Netanyahu, Defense Mioister Yitzhak Mordechai, Foreign Minister David Levy. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Lipkin-Shahak, OC Planning Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz,

and the premier's top aides. Netanyahu wants the Americans understand Israel's stance before the final-status talks begin next month, believing that failure to make it clear could mean that Israel will be isolated internation-

Meanwhile. Netanyahu convened the entire cabinet yesterday to provide some less informed ministers with a general overview of the Oslo process - past, pre-sent, and future. Mordechai, Shahak, and Mofaz, who addressed the ministers, also out-

the West Bank

Officials sharply denied a report by Channel 1 that the military called for Israel to keep 52 percent of the West Bank. "This is rub-

lined Israel's strategic interests on

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## Indyk: Stop debate over Lebanon

#### By STEVE RODAN

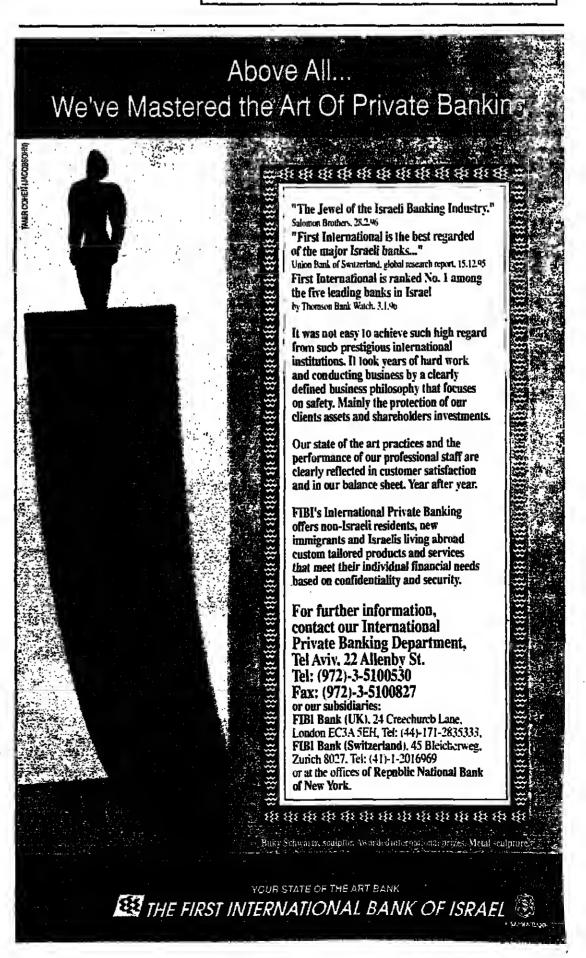
US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk last night urged a suspension of the political dehate over a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon.

Speaking to the Israel-Friendship Association in Tel Aviv, Indyk stressed that he did not want to intervene in Israeli politics, but he added: "I agree with the prime minister that the time is not yet ripe for that [unilateral withdrawal]. If you want to achieve strong and lasting peace on any track it is only through negotialions.

Indyk also said that Prime Minister Netanyahu will be discussing a bridging formula with US officials that will allow the resumption of negotiations with Syria.

We will be consulting to find a brioging formula for the parties," Indyk told reporters, But he added that the US will not press either Syria or Israel to accept such a formula.

"We'll know if we have a successful formula when the negotiations resume," he said. "We don't believe in forcing anybody, especially not a democratic ally."



#### By EVELYN GORDON

There is no legal impediment to the government's plan to pardon 26 female Palestinian prisoners, the High Court of Justice said yesterday.

The court was ruling on a petition by Ora Klein, whose husband Zvi was killed to 1991 by a terrorist gang commlanded by one of the womeo due to be released, and the Terror Victims Association.

The petition, filed by attorney Naftali Werzberger, argued that the release essentially constituted a general amnesty rather than individual pardons, and therefore required Knessel legislatioo rather than merely the signature of

It also argued that granting pardons to murderers just because they are women. while men charged with ideotical crimes remain in prison, is unreasonable and discriminatory. Finally, it said, a wholesale release of murderers for political purposes constitutes moral bankruptcy, undermines the rule of law and will encourage other criminals by showing that there is nothing to fear for those with the right political connections.

In response, government attorney Yehuda Schaeffer argued that the releases were part of a binding international agreement signed between the government and the PLO, and as such were not

raised the issue of Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's statement that he will not approve the release of three of the women: one who was convicted of murder and two convicted of attempted murder. Schaeffer said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would approve the pardons for these three womeo io

charged that this was illegal. Justices Aharon Barak, Mishael Cheshin and Yitzchak Zamir rejected all these arguments, bowever.

Hanegbi's place, and the petitioners

"It goes without saying that the court should not be examining this decision, or any other government decision, from a political or moral standpoint, but only from

a legal standpoint," they wrote - and legal-ly, they said, the petitioners were wrong. First, they said, it is not true that the

releases constitute a general amnesty rather than individual pardons, because even if the government decided to grant the pardons on a collective basis, the president must still examine each one on an individual basis, and has the authority to reject some requests while approving others.

The last time the government authorized a large-scale release of Palestinian prisoners, in 1995, Weizman did in fact refuse to sign two of the pardons, though he changed his mind and authorized them a year later.

Furthermore, the justices said, Weizman is enotled to take Israel's

when making his decisions.

Finally, they said. Netanyahu does have the right to sign off on the pardons instead of Hanegbi. The Basic Law: The President states that any decision by the president must be countersigned by "the prime minister or another minister desigoated by the cabinet," so in fact, Netanyahu has more authority in this

respect than Hanegbi, they said. One issue not dealt with in the petioon is the impact of Hanegbi's refusal to recommeod the partion of three of the women. Weizman is not bound by Hanegbi's recommendation, but he cannot consider any pardon request until it has been passed on by the justice minis-

agreements with the PLO into account ter with some sort of recommendation. However, be cannot refuse to pass on the

requests indefinitely. After the hearing, Klein and TVA head Meir Indor said they would continue trying to lobby ministers and MKs against

the release. "As someone who worked hard to get the prime minister elected... I am very, very disappointed, to say the least, Indor said. "And if he weren't a friend, I

would use much stronger language."
Klein said the release would be easier to accept if the Palestinian Authority were at least keeping its side of the bar-gain and extraditing wanted terrorists to Israel. Under the circumstances, however, there is no justification for it, she said.

# MKs form opposition to zone pullout

#### By LIAT COLLINS

More than a dozen MKs from coalition and opposition parties who oppose the Kochav Yair circle's push for a pullback from Lebanon met in the Knesset yes-

The meeting, initiated by MK Naomi Burnenthal (Likud), aimed to counter the talks held at the Kochav Yair home of MK Gideon Ezra (Likud) on Saturday night, when five MKs from the left, right and center discussed an IDF withdrawal from the security zone.

Ezra turned up at Blumenthal's meeting to reject the criticism raised against his group, which be said had not discussed unilateral withdrawal. His appearance at yesterday's meeting was met by. heckles and jibes.

Meanwhile, Nissim Dahan (Shas) bas reportedly joined Ezra's group.

At the opening of the discussion yesterday, Blumenthal said an accident like the helicopter disaster last week could have happened anywhere and the timing of the discussion on the IDF presence in Lebanon was not right before the seven days of mourning for the disaster victims are over.

Woe on us for such talk of unilateral withdrawal," said Dalia Itzik (Labor). "What bave they [the Kochav Yair group] done? It's as if they told the soldiers serving there, you are redundant. They should keep their mouths shut. It's shockingly irresponsible and the most unfortunate timing. Until a comprehensive solution is found for Lebanon, there is no reason to call for a unilateral pullback. They

have told us what not to do without saying what we should do. I'm calling on the prime minister not to give in to pressure and demands

by MKs shooting from the bip. Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) accused the Kocbav Yair group of playing sol-diers off against residents of the North. "Soldiers are protecting not just the North but the residents of the center of the country," he said. "Not the whole country is Ramat Aviv Gimmel."

Pini Badash (Tsomet) said Ezra's approach was "naive and defeatist." He said Hizbullah would not stop attacks at the border and there would be daily civilian casualdes.

MK Rafi Elul (Labor) proposed "Syria First" plan before any pullback from the security zone. It was at this point Ezra entered the

room and became a target for attack by the MKs present.

He furned that Birmenthal had not told him of the meeting in advance. She countered that she had not known of the Kochav Yair gathering before it was revealed Representatives of northern

border communities were also present and complained that a withdrawal would endanger them. Aharon Ma'atuk, bead of the Merom Hagalil Council, said the issue was being turned into an argument between northerners and residents of the center of the

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) described the Kochav Yair meeting as "a serious

At a Labor faction meeting,

opposition leader Shimon Peres said the discussion on withdrawal from Lebanon should be postponed until after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had met with US President Bill Clinton on the resumption of the talks with

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor), one of the MKs in Eitan's group, said his proposal for an IDF withdrawal is based on the deployment of US and European forces there instead. Beilin, a candidate for his party's leadership, said it is in the national interest to "re-think" the Lebanon policy.

MK Ehud Barak (Labor), a for-mer chief of general staff and another candidate for the party leadership, said a unilateral withdrawal would be "irresponsible" and "would amount to abandoning

## Hizbullah official pledges end to violence after IDF pullback

#### By DAVID MAKOVSKY

A senior member of Hizbullah pledged recently that if Israel withdraws from Lebanon, violence against Israel would stop and the Lebanese Army would be permitted to deploy in the southern part of the country.

In an interview in Beirut a couple of weeks ago

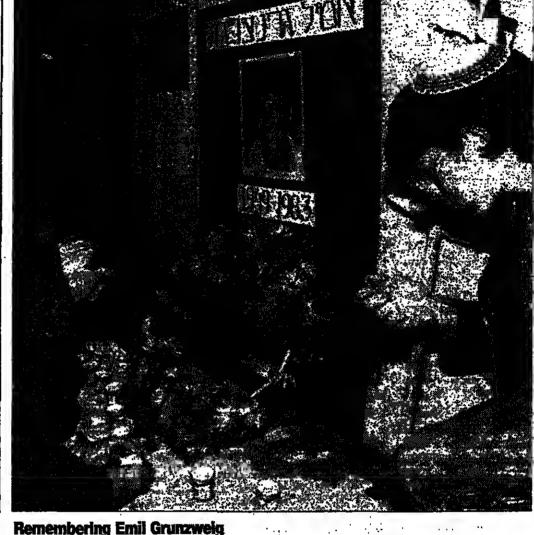
with Christian Science Monitor Radio, a Hizbullah member of the Lebanese parliameot, Mohammed Raad, was asked how Hizbullah would react in the event of an Israeli pullout.

"The resistance has many forms," Raad said.

Hizbullah's military resistance against the Israelis was the result of the Israeli invasion, and occupation of, Lebanon. If the Israelis withdraw from south Lebanon, this resistance will only continue oo an intellectual and cultur-"At that point, the Lebanese Army would extend

"It's not limited to the military wing.

its control to the south of the country, and we would once more become Lebanese civilians like anyone else," he cootinued. "The Lebanese govemment would take over in the south on the administrative, military and security levels."



#### Remembering Emil Grunzweig

Members of Peace Now light candles at a memorial for Emil Grunzweig, killed during a peace demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office in 1983.

# Forces in zone remain on high alert

#### By DAVID RUDGE

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remain on full alert in the security zone following Sunday's fighting in which seven Nahal Brigade soldiers were wouoded in a clash with Hizbullah gunmen.

SLA troops on operational duties in the Jezzine enclave, north of the zone, yesterday discovered and destroyed a roadside bomb.

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The funeral will take place on Wednesday,

February 12, 5 Adar, at Sanhedriah, Jerusalem, at 11 a.m.

Shiva will be observed at Rehov Bar Kochba 63/13, French Hill.

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president of Amcha

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and to our friends and colleagues at Amcha.

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Elsewhere the region was quiet, although Hizbullah, which is this month marking the fifth anniversary of the killing of its former leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi io an IAF helicopter attack, is expected to try to escalate its activities in the coming days.

As in previous years, as a goodwill gesture for Id al-Fitr, which marks the end of the month-long Ramadan fast, SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, yesterday announced the release of seven prisoners from the El-Khiyam jail. Those to be released were detained on sus-

picion of collaborating with Hizbullah and other hostile organizations. They are expected to be handed over to officials of the Lebanese Red Cross and taken to their homes.

Meanwhile, Iran has reportedly instructed Hizbullah to establish a new department to be known as the Palestinian office, appar-

ently to organize and coordinate activities against Israel. Details were revealed in the weekly Al Watten al-Arrabe, which reported that the department would be in direct contact with Iran.

plans by Hizbullah to continue the fight against

Israel using Palestinian rejectionist organizations as proxies in the event of a peace accord between Israel, Syria, and Lebanon.

# High Court refuses to delay Rubinstein from taking office

#### By EVELYN GORDON

The High Court of Justice yesterday refused to issue an interim injunction against Elyakim Rubinstein's entry ioto office as attomey-general, thereby removing any barrier to his taking up his

duties tomorrow. The injunction had been requested by the Movement for Quality Government in Israel, which argued that Rubinstein should not be allowed to take office without first taking a polygraph test.

Alternately, the petition said, he should be prevented from taking office until the commission set up by the government to study the issue of whether these tests should be required of any civil servant has completed its work. This com-

By STEVE RODAN

Israel and Swedeo are exploring

cooperation in the protection of

civilians against an unconvendon-

Swedish Deputy Defense Minister Lars Rekke ended a two-

day visit last night, saying his

country wants to learn from

Israel's experience in protecting

its civilians from an attack by

either chemical or other non-con-

Rekke yesterday visited the IDF

Home Front Command in Ramle,

as well as the Defeose Ministry in

Tel Aviv. Earlier, he visited Israel

Aircraft Industries and examined

its unmanned air reconnaissance

You have experiences that we

don't have in the protection of civilians," Rekke told The

vendonal weapons.

mission is expected to submit its recommendations in another two months.

There is nothing in the petition to cast doubt on the legality of the appointment," wrote Justice Ya acov Kedmi in his decision.

But Kedmi strongly implied that the government commission should not start work until after the court has heard the petition. The hearing will take place no later than next Thursday.

In its petition, the movement said the whole issue of whether lie-detector tests should be necessary for senior civil servants is an important constitutional question, worthy of serious discussion. However, unless and until the public commission decides otherwise, the current rules require a poly-

Jerusalem Post. "We bave many

tank shells and a radar to clear

minefields, a system being used

by the Swedish army in peace-

Rekke said that Sweden still

We regard the risk of a hosole

fears Russia, despite the collapse

attack on Sweden as being cur-

reotly nil," be said. "Bnt you don't

know what will happen in Russia.

This is the reason we need a

strong armed forces in the future."

Sweden will exchange classified

information on unconvectional

weapons technology. He said,

however, there are no plans for

high-level visits by defense offi-

cials of either country over the

Rekke said that Israel and

eping operations in Bosnia.

Currently Israel sells Sweden

similarities in defense."

of communism.

Sweden seeking cooperation

against banned weapons

graph test. Exempting Rubinstein from this requirement would violate the principle of equality before the law, the petition said.

The petition also challenged Rubinstein's presence on the com-mission looking into the issue of whether polygraph tests should be mandatory for senior civil servants. Because of Rubinstein's personal interest in the outcome of the commission's deliberations, it said, his presence constitutes a clear conflict of interest. Rubinstein has made it clear that he considers the polygraph tests illegal. Since as attorney-general Rubinstein essentially has veto power over the commission's conclusions, the petioon said, the commission's recommendations are a foregone conclusion.

#### 1 killed, over 100 injured on roads

One person was killed and some 110 were injured in traffic accidents around the country yesterday. A five-year-old girl hit by a car in Bnei Brak on Saturday oight also died yesterday.

Shai Gottlieb, 22, of Ra'anana, was killed when the truck he was driving lost its brakes on a steep hill near Ma'aleh Ephraim and overturned. His father, who was riding in the truck, suffered light injuries.

Meanwhile, five-year-old Hagit Giat, who was hit by a car while crossing the street with four other girls and a woman on Saturday night in Bnei Brak, died yesterday at Sbeba Hospital in Tel Hashomer.

Six people were lightly injured in Jerusalem when a police car in the prime minister's convoy, which was driving through a red light, hit another car.

#### Most crime up in '96 10% of the drugs were confiscat-

There was an increase in nearly all types of crime in 1996, mainly due to populacion growth, according to the annual summary of police activities released yester-

Some 317,000 criminal investigations were launched in 1996, an increase of 18,000 over 1995, the report said. Seventy percent of the cases related to property crimes, 29% were drug related, and 1.5% were serious crimes.

A total of 123 people were mur-dered last year, up 14% over 1995, and there was an attempted murder every 86 hours. There were 135 rapes reported last year, the same number as in 1995.

A car was stolen every 14 seconds in 1996. There was an increase in the number of armed robberies, 587, compared with 548 in 1995.

There was a marked increase in drug dealing in 1996, though only

The number of nationalist crimes dropped, although police would oot reveal the figures. Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz attributed the drop to the progress in the peace process, which reduced motivation for such crimes, and cooperation with the

dozens of attacks. Asked about a new law that will cut the time a person can be beld in a police lockup before being brought before a judge from 48 hours to 24 hours, Hefetz said: We are moving toward this with

Palestinian Police, who belped foil

certain reservations." Hefetz said he thought this would make things easier for criminals and tougher for investigators. However, the new law will markedly decrease the number of those held in lockups around the

country. (Itim)

# **Most US Jews favor** Hebron accord. peace process

#### By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Almost two-thirds of American

Jews either strongly or somewhat support the recent Hebron accord, and almost 80 percent believe the Middle East peace process must be a top or very priority for the sec-ond-term Clinton administration. The poll, commissioned by the

New York-based pro-Labor Israel Policy Forum and conducted by Penn and Schoen Survey last week, canvassed 700 American Jews and has a 3.7% margin of

Coming on the eve of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to the US this week, the poll found that 94% of American Jews believe the US should take an active role in promoting a lasting.

There is some division in the

American Jewry on the question of whether the US should be out in front of Israel on the peace process. About 41% of the respondents said the US should "wait and see" what Israel and its government do before acting. Another 24% said the US should back Israel unconditionally, while 30% said the "US should actively encourage Israel and its government during the peace process."

In terms of personal popularity, about 68% of American Jews have either a very or somewhat favorable view of Netanyahu. In comparison, 38% of American Jews have a very or somewhat favorable view of Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat.

# A TOWNHOUSE IN JERUSALEM

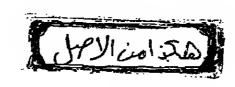
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# PA agrees to transfer burned boy to Hadassah

By JUDY SIEGE

The Palestinian Authority has finally agreed to transfer to Hadassah-University Hospital's pediatric intensive care unit a four-and-a-half-year-old Bethlehem boy in critical condition, with burns suffered in an accident over a week

Before the boy's plight was publicized, the PA had wanted to move him to a Jordanian hospital, apparently for political and financial reasons, but doctors at Jerusalem's Hospital said such a trip could endanger his life.

The boy, Amir Bnja, was standing next to his 14-year-old cousin, who was preparing a bonfire to mark the end of the Ramadan fast. The cousin poured paint thinner over the wood, and it exploded in Buja's face, causing severe burns. He was rushed in critical condition to Bethlehem Hospital, which transferred him to Mokassed, even though it doesn't have a burns unit.

Prof. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, director of Hadassah-University

Hospital in Ein Kerem, agreed to find place for him in the pediatric intensive care unit of its new Mother-and-Child Center and reduce the diagnostic-related group charge set by the Health Ministry for burns cases from NIS 100,000 to NIS 60,000.

- MK Taleb a-Sanaa appealed to Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who used the incident to illustrate the problem of the PA's "takeover" of Mokassed and four other eastern Jerusalem hospitals in recent months. Yesterday, the PA told an intermediary that it would pay NIS 60,000 for the boy's treatment and Hadassah said it would find a bed for him today or tomorrow.

Mor-Yosef noted that referrals to Hadassah by the Palestinian Authority of patients living in the territories dropped last month by 50%, compared to the same month a year ago.

Dr. Yitzhak Sever, director of the Health Ministry's general medical division and liaison on health services with the Palestinian Authority, said last night that it was illegal for

the PA to have replaced Mokassed's director, Dr. Amin Tanji, with Dr. Rustum Namari. "By law, hospital directors must be approved by the min-

"By law, hospital directors must be approved by the ministry. However, we will go and investigate; if Dr. Namari is a qualified medical administrator, and if no major changes have been made at Mokassed and the department heads remain the same, we are likely to grant approval." Sever said.

remain the same, we are likely to grant approval." Sever said.

"But if oot, we can tell the four public health funds that insure eastern Jerusalem Arah residents not to cover treatment costs at Mokassed and not to refer patients there and to the four other hospitals that have been taken over by the PA [Augusta Victoria, the Red Crescent Hospital, and two others in Kalandia and Bait Haninal."

others in Kalandia and Beit Hanina]."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's senior adviser
David Bar-Illan said that the issue was raised in the meeting
Sunday night with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, but only as
an example of the PA's violation of the Oslo agreements and
not in detail. Bar-Illan said the Palestinians promised "to
look into it."

# **NEWS**

in brief

#### Albanian culture minister here

Albanian Culture Minister Teodor Laco, here on a four-day visit, will hold talks with members of the cultural community in an effort to increase the cultural dialogue between the two countries, the Education Ministry spokesman said. He met with Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer last night to discuss ways of advancing educational and cultural ties.

Albania gave safe haven to some 1,800 Jews who fled neighboring countries during the Nazi era. About 90% of Alhania's 300,000 Jews survived the Holocaust. Some 50 Alhanians have been designated as Righteous Among the Nacons. Batsheva Tsur

#### 'Bibi is selling out Eilat'

Eilat Mayor Gabi Kadosh (Likud) has begun an all-out campaign against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu with the slogan, "Bibi is selling out Eilat." According to Kadosh, the Jordanians are pressing Israel to agree that all flights to Eilat, domestic as well as international, should land at the joint airport to be established on the border. According to the agreement, the airfield itself is to be in Jordan, with two terminals, one in Israel and one in Jordan. Kadosh, as well as the Eilat Hotel Association and Arkia, are insisting that domestic flights should continue to land at the present airport in Eilat.

Haim Shapiro

#### Air traffic controllers to get counseling

Air traffic controllers who have monitored an air accident or a near-miss will now receive counselling to relieve tensions and allow them to return to work at full strength.

"A controller who is involved in an incident suffers terrible tension and emotional pressures, and it is useful to give counseling to relieve the accompanying feelings," explained Avi Hacohen, chairman of the Air Traffic Controllers Association, which is sponsoring the service. Hacohen cited foreign studies showing that 86 percent of controllers involved in an air accident suffered emotional and physical difficulties following the incident. *Itim* 

#### Haifa Chemicals talks resume

Negotiations between management and workers at Haifa
Chemicals resumed yesterday. During a meeting over the weekend
in New York, Haifa Chemicals chairman Arye Genger instructed
management to make every effort to hring about the reopening of
the plant as soon as possible. Meanwhile, management appealed
to the National Labor Court against the Haifa Labor Court's decision to prohibit the firing of 124 tenured workers.

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#### 'Techies' and science teachers needed in coming years

By JUDY SIEGEL

Manpower in high-tech fields like computers, robotics and electronics will be much in demand in the coming years, as will professionals in nursing, gerontology and marketing.

The Hadassah Career Counseling Institute in Jerusalem issued its annual prediction of professions that will be in demand. In addition to the above, teachers in

the exact sciences - physics, maths and chemistry - will be needed.

However, according to Prof. Yitzhak Garty, head of the institute, interest among high school pupils in the exact sciences is on the decline, portending a shortage of scientists unless this changes.

The popularity of law and bustness administration courses among those headed for university will undoubtedly cause an oversupply in these areas, said Garty.

# Knesset considering pensions for Prisoners of Zion By BATSHEVA TSUR An anomalous situation are

An anomalous situation arose yesterday at a meeting of the coalition faction, which gathered at the Knesset to discuss a bill that would grant pension rights to Prisoners of Zion.

All the faction members present, with the exception of MK Michael Kleiner (Likid), said they would support transferring the bill to the present Knesset.

The draft was presented to the previous Knesset by MK Emanuel Zissman, who was then chairman of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee and a Labor. MK. It was due to come up again in the Knesset yesterday evening.

The factions' decision came after the government secretary issued a statement to the effect that the government was opposed to the bill, on the grounds it would cause havoc with the budget.

cause havoc with the budget.
Yisrael Ba'aliya ministers Natan
Sharansky and Yuli Edelstein
chided the government for oot
holding a debate on the subject.
They said they would go against
the cabinet stance and would support the bill. The Yisrael Ba'aliya
faction took credit for the decision
by the other factions to oppose the
ministerial position.



#### Spanish visitor leaves early

Spanish Interior Minister Jaime Mayor Oreja (left), joined by his host, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, inspects the Western Wall yesterday while waiting for his pilots to be located so they could fly him back to Spain. Mayor Oreja cut short his visit here after a car bomb exploded in Granada, killing one person and wounding seven. The blast is believed to have been carried out by Basque separatists.

# Catering hall withholds deposit from crash victim

#### By URIEL HEILMAN

When David Hefetz's nephew, Lt. Alon Babayan, was killed in last Tuesday night's helicoptor-crash, Hefetz decided that it would be imprudent to go forth with the planned February 25 celebration of his son Moshe's bar mitzva at the Ahuza Hall in the Romema neighborhod of Jerusalem.

When he conveyed his intention to the hall's manager, Rami Gazit, Hefetz hoped to get back all of the \$6,000 cancellation cost.

While extending condolences to the Hefetz family and to all the bereaved families. Gazit said that in view of the tragic circumstances, he would reduce the \$6,000 to \$2,000, which would be

donated to a fund to huild a memorial for the crash victims. Gazit insisted that because of the "barsh language" with which Hefetz demanded the full refund, he was

unwilling to forgo the entire \$6,000.

"There is loss here on both sides," he explained. "I understand that their loss is bigger [than mine], but the [helicopter crash] did not bring them any financial loss. We are trying to be understanding beyond the requirements of the law."

- He pointed out that he \$6,000 contract was legally hinding regardless of extraneous circumstrances.

less of extraneous circumstrances.
Indicating that he would be willing to postpone the event free of charge, Gazit maintained that the Hefetz family had not told him that they are considering this option.

# for remarks about helicopter tragedy

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell yesterday called to his office a school principal and a teacher whose behavior after last week's helicopter disaster was decreed unfitting

By BATSHEVA TSUR

deemed unfitting.
Yesterday evening, the senior staff at the ministry were discussing what to do about the two educators after they had explained their points of view.

Parents and pupils said Atara Simkovitz, an English teacher at the state (secular) junior high school in Mevasseret Zion, made remarks to the effect that the soldiers were killed because they failed to uphold

Jewish values.

"It is clear that she slipped up," her prin-

cipal, Aviva Berger, said yesterday. "I don't know exactly what her remarks were because there are different versions. We are a liberal school and we understand that she made a mistake."

Berger said Simkovitz had been teaching English at the school for two years "and there were never problems before ... Apparently the affair was leaked by one of the parents and it has been hlown up out of proportion. It was a mistake and it has to be dealt with."

The second educator called to Dell was Anwar Daoud, the principal of the school at the mixed Jewish-Arah village of Neveh Shalom. Daoud published an obituary in a local paper for Tom Kita'in, the village's

first soldier, who was killed in the crash.

Daoud was called to explain a sentence

in the obituary in which he described Kita'in as "the only Jewish soldier I agreed to take in my car when he was in uniform." Jewish residents of the village reacted

Principal, teacher in trouble

angrily to the actions of the ministry.

"This is a cynical witch-hunt," said Michal Zak. "It is [Education Minister Zevulun] Hammer who has to apologize, not Daoud. Neveh Shalom became part of the national consensus for a short time, and now it's all over. It hurts."

Zak said that Kita'in's grandmother had sent a protest to Hammer. "The family is furious not at Daoud's remarks but at the ministry's behavior... The shiva is not over and it did not wait to hear the version of Tom's father, Boaz, who is co-principal with Daoud."

who is co-principal with Daoud."

Zak said the ministry had failed to under-

stand that "there are two peoples with different attitudes to the IDF here. They want the Arabs to feel like the Jews. It is absurd to expect them to venerate the IDF."

Zak said that it is "obvious that Daoud was called to order to counteract the effect of the [Mevasseret] teacher's remarks." She said that Kita'in's uncle, an Israel Prize winner, is demanding that the ministry apologize to Daoud.

Neveh Shalom secretary Ahmed Hijazi said that Hammer and the National Religious Party have "a great deal to learn about tolerance from ns ... Perhaps the remarks made hy Daoud were not the most fortuitous in terms of place and time, but it is totally out of proportion to charge him, as they did, with racism."

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# 500 held during lethal Chinese Moslem riots

#### By JOHN LEICESTER

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese police fired warning shots over crowds of young Moslems who beat people to death and torched cars during pro-independence riots in far west China, a police official said yesterday.

The riots last week were the worst to hit Yining, in the restive Chinese province of Xinjiang, since the 1949 Communist takeover, said the officer with the Yining city police.

He said four or five people,

including Chinese and members of local ethnic groups, were killed and that others, including police officers, were injured.

Some of those killed were beaten

to death, said the officer, reached by telephone from Beijing. He refused to give his name.

Ming Pao, a Hong Kong daily, said more than 10 Chinese were killed and their bodies set on fire. The police officer said security forces arrested 400 to 500 people, some of whom were later released.

police fired shots into the air to Uighur group based in Istanbul, calm the crowds. "It's been put Turkey, claimed that 200 Moslem down," he said.

He said the rioters were Uighurs, Xinjiang's Moslem majority, demanding independence for the region. Clashes are periodically reported in Xinjiang, where the Turkic-speaking Uighurs face an influx of ethnic Chinese.

"There was a protest... It was illegal," said an official with Xinjiang's provincial government, who gave bis surname. Liu. "Illegal protests are curbed." Liu. reached in Urumqi, Xinjiang's provincial capital, also said calm had been restored in Yining, near the Kazakstan border, 500 km from Urumqi.

Liu said that because of the Chinese New Year holiday he had no more details. Ming Pao quoted an unidentified

Chinese man in Yining as saying 1,000 Moslems, mostly aged 17 and 18, beat up, killed and burned their victims before police quashed the violence.

Ismail Cengiz, the secretary general of a pro-iodependence

rioters and about 100 Chinese solcould not be confirmed.

Modan Mukhlisi, a spokesman for the United National Revolution Front, a Uighur separatist group based in Kazakstan, said that 30 Uighurs died in the riots. He said he did not further

Ceogiz, a Uighur, said the riots started when Chinese security forces arrested a group of women reading prayers in a house in Yining on Feb. 4, a Moslem holy night. Rioters then marched on the police station, said Ceogiz, of the East Turkestan Immigrants

The Uighurs had their own Republic of East Turkestan from 1944 to 1949. Xinjiang is now ooe of five autooomous regions of

Covering one-sixth of China, Xinjiang has a population of 16.6 million, of whom 38 percent are ethnic Chioese, according to



#### Three die in Albania rioting

Riot police in the Albanian port of Vlore huddle together yesterday to protect themselves from stone-throwing demonstrators, who were protesting the loss of their life savings in shady investment schemes. Three died in yesterday's riots and President Sali Berisha asked parliament to declare a state of emergency, following several weeks of such demonstrations.

(Remer)

# Croats open fire on Moslems

From Post news agencies

SARAJEVO - Croats opeoed fire on Moslems visiting a cemetery in the Bosnian city of Mostar yesterday, wounding at least four people, a UN official said.

The shootings occurred after days of increased tensions in Mostar, the scene of bitter Croat-Moslem battles during Bosnia's civil war.

Although Moslems and Croats are allies in the Bosnian federation, the city is divided along ethnic lines and international monitors have been unable to reduce the hostility, which has included recent explosions and expulsions. Moslems were visiting a cemetery when they were confronted by gains.

Croats, UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said.

"The Croats started stoning them, and then opened fire with weapons," lvanko said.

He said at least four people were hurt and it was "very possible" that some people were killed. Uoder the Dayton peace agreement, the Croat-Moslem federation

controls 51 percent of Bosnia and Serbs cootrol the other 49 percent. Meanwhile, in Belgrade twenty thousand studeots massed in the center of the Serbian capital yesterday, keeping up pressure oo the authoritarian Presideot Slobodan Milosevic as parliament prepared to reinstate opposition election

# O.J. ordered to pay \$25m in damages

SANTA MONICA, California (AP) - A jury yesterday ordered O.J. Simpson to pay \$25 million as punishment for the slavings of his ex-wife and ber frieod, a final blow that could doom the fallen football great to a lifetime of debt.

The punitive judgment is on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded last week when the jury found Simpson liable in the June 12, 1994, slashing deaths of Nicole Brown Simpsoo and Ronald Goldman, It was a dramatic turnaround from Simpson's acquittal on murder charges 16 months earlier.

, It took the panel five hours over two days to arrive at the punishment amount, ignoring the portrayal of Simpson as heavily in debt and siding with a plaintiffs' lawyer who urged jurors to "send a message."

Ms. Simpson's estate, whose beneficiaries include her two children now living with Simpson, was allotted \$12.5 million of the award. Goldman's father, Fred, got another \$12.5 million, while mother Sharon Rufo did not ask for punitive damhowever, got the \$8.5 million com- percent of future wages.

pensatory award for the loss of their

son's love and companionship. The decision marked yet another milestone in the 2 ½ year legal saga that transfixed the United States and still exposes its racial divisions - from the acquittal by a mostly black jury to the wrongful death verdict from a mostly white panel.

The civil trial - brought by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman ended in a flurry of rhetoric and dueling depictions of Simpson's financial picture.

Simpson's lawyers said their clieot was worse than broke, arguing last week's verdict and compensatory award left him \$9.3 million in debt. They said that since his first trial ended, Simpson has been shunned by those who would employ him and banished from the sports card shows that were his

But plaintiffs contended Simpson is potentially worth at least \$15.7 million, based on the predicted \$3 million he stands to make every year for selling his name, likeness important because under California ages. The long-divorced parents, law creditors can garnish up to 25

# ANC warns rightwingers after raid

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - A prominent South African rightwinger was among 12 people arrested yesterday for breaking into an army base, prompting the black majority African National Congress to issue a stiff warning to pro-apartheid forces.

Police said white right-winger Willem Ratte and 11 people were

Pomfret military base, a restricted area, in North West region.

"The 12 suspects, including a woman and a 16-year-old boy. were arrested inside the Pomfret military base and are being held on charges of attempted sabotage and housebreaking. We are invesulgauing," said police inspector Rina Matthysen.

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Rosenbaum was beaten and stabbed, and later died at a local hospital. He had identified Nelson to police at the scene, Caproni said.

Nelson, who was 16 at the time, was charged with violating Rosenbaum's civil rights by inflicting at least one of his four stab wounds. Price was accused of inciting the mob.

The Nelson defense team, in a bizarre demonstration reminiscent of the famous "glove fiasco" in the O.J. Simpson trial, had Nelson put on the blood-stained

pants that police said he was

wearing the night Rosenbaum was stabbed. The pants were 100 big for Nelson, leading to recitation of the rhyme: "If the pants don'i fit, you must acquii." Price, 43, and Nelson, 21, face

sentences of up to life in prison. Meanwhile, a civil suit against the city is pending, filed by Rosenbaum's family and members of the Crown Heights Jewish

Yesterday, Giuliani also called for calm, saying: "Justice has been rendered. All of us must respect the decision of the jury whether we agree with it, as I do. 

#### **'Black** widow' trial opens in Âustria

KREMS, Austria (Reuter) - The trial of a woman suspected by police of a murder spree spanning more than a decade opened yesterday in Krems, 50 km west of Vienna.

Elfriede Blauensteiner, 66, dubbed the "black widow" by the media, is charged with poisoning pensioner Alois Pichler with fatal doses of medication. Police are still investigating three other deaths. Blauensteiner arrived at the

court wearing a beige suit and clutching a metal crucifix. "My hands are clean. I've nothing to hide," she told reporters, smiling.
Asked if she would plead guilty,
she said: "I would never kill. I
believe in my innocence." Police

said Blauensteiner confessed to five murders but later withdrew the confession. Police suspect she killed to finance a gambling addiction.

"I confessed because the police questioned me for so long. I would have confessed to anythiog," she told journalists.

A bespectacled pensioner of matronly appearance, Blauensteiner told reporters she enjoyed nursing older men and that it was a coincidence some of those she nursed had

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# Judge killed, car bomb explodes in Spanish terrorism

MADRID — A Supreme Court justice was shot to death on a Madrid street yesterday amid confrontatioo between the high court and Basque separatists. Hours earlier, a car bomb exploded in Granada, killing one man.

Two assailants approached Judge Rafael Martinez Emperador outside his home in Madrid at 2:30 p.m. and one shot him in the head, said a police spokesman, who according to government rules could not be identified.

Shortly after 7 a.m., a car bomb exploded in the southero Spanish city of Granada as an air force van went by, killing one man and wounding seven people. No one claimed responsibilfor that attack, but suspicion immediately fell on the Basque separatist group ETA.

The assassination of Martinez comes as the Supreme Court is confronting ETA's political wing, the Herri Batasuna coalition.

The high court has summoned 25 members of Herri Batasuna's executive board for questioning on the coalition's use during last year's election campaign of an ETA videotape.

It was oor immediately clear if Martinez's slaying was linked to the confrontatioo. Officials said Martinez belonged to a branch of the high court dealing mostly with labor and social issues, oot summoning the Herri Batasuna leaders, "It's a terrible blow," Supreme Court Judge Luis Martinez Arieta said. "He was a real professional." Martinez was shot outside his apartment in an upscale, neighborhood of Madrid, one block from Paris Paris The associated field leaves. Retiro Park. The assailants fled, leaving Martinez lying on the sidewalk.

There was blood spilling from his head like water from a faucet," a witness said,

The man said he grabbed Martinez's wrist to feel for a pulse. Feeling oone, be and other

passers-by pulled a tablecloth from a nearby restaurant table and covered the body. An ambulance arrived within minutes, but Martinez was declared dead on arrival at a bos-

pital a few blocks away.

In Granada, the car bomb heavily damaged an apartmeot building, wounding a 9-year-old boy and his 16-year-old sister who had been asleep inside. Firefighters evacuated 125 people from the building, whose facade was partially blown away.

Police said the bomb went off as the van carrying civilian and military staff to nearby Armilla air force base passed by Interior Ministry official Jose Torres Hurtado

said ETA appeared to be behind the attack. ETA, an acronym for Basque Homeland and Liberty, has killed almost 800 people, many hy car bombs, since it began fighting for independence for northern Spain's Basque regions in

#### Singer Brian Connolly dead at 52

LONDON (AP) — Brian Connolly, former fast-living singer with the hit 1970s rock band The Sweet, died yesterday, a family friend said. He was 52. Connolly, who sang such favorites as "Blockbuster," "Ballroom Blitz" and "Wig Wam Bam," died of kidney failure in hospital in Slough, southern England. At the height of their fame, The Sweet enjoyed chart hits on both sides of the Atlantic, including "Little Willy," which made it to No. 4 in Britain and No. 3 in the United States.

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# Swiss raise cash for Holocaust survivors

GENEVA (Reoter) - Swiss Christian groups are raising cash for Holocaust survivors as a goodwill gesture amid charges that Switzerland's banks are hoarding unclaimed bank accounts of Hitler's victims.

Willy Vogelsang, a spokesman for the Swiss Friends of Judeo-Christians, told the Swiss news agency ATS yesterday that nearly \$90,000 had been raised so far to be given directly to the survivors of the Holocaust in Switzerland

Part of the cash was raised at a weekend protest in the capital Berne by Christian worshipers and ouns, who prayed to God to forgive Switzerland for its wartime treatment of Jews. The controversy has prompted

soul-searching among the Swiss to reassess their past in World War II, wheo Switzerland turned back 30,000 refugees trying to escape Hitler, most of them Jews.

It has also turned into a poteotially costly public relations disaster for the wealthy Alpine country, with New York state mulling whether to revoke the licenses of Swiss banks.

The state banking superintendent, Neil Levin, started talks in Switzerland yesterday to probe whether hig Swiss banks operating in New York between 1939 and 1945 could still be holding any Holocaust accounts from the era.

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The big three Swiss banks con-firmed talks with Levin were under way, but declined to give any details. The Swiss hanks say they already turned over any dormant accounts long ago. Stung into action by interna-

tional pressure. Swiss banks have agreed to work with Jewish groups to go over their secret banking records and look into claims that banks are profiting from Jewish

To try to mend fences, the three biggest Swiss banks set up a \$70 million fund last week in memory of Holocaust victims. At the weekend, industrialists pledged to contribute money as well.

It is unclear whether this will satisfy New York State, which has moved to curb business ties by deciding to stop placing short-term deposits in Swiss banks until it is sure they have no money of Holocaust victims or their heirs.

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bish," an official in the Prime

Minister's Office said.

Given the large number of ministers, aides say it is unlikely that Netanyahu will hold serious discussions on this topic with the entire cabinet, but will consistently favor more intimate gatherings at which he believes he can express himself more candidly.

At the smaller gathering, the extent of the March 7 pullback was discussed, as was the search for a formula to renew talks with

Clinton has said that he is waiting for Netanyaho's proposed formula for recewing talks with Damascus. But US officials are skeptical the talks will be convened in the next few months, since Syria is insisting that Israel agree to a full Golan withdrawal as a precondition for their resumption.

Syria is insisting that Israel resume the talks where "they left off," which means full Golan withdrawal, to which it claims

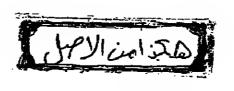
Yitzhak Rahin agreed, even though there was nothing signed to this effect.

Senior officials suggest that Israel will agree "not to ignore where the talks left off," but will not commit to anything that could be interpreted as ceding the

Meanwhile, in a rare interview, Syrian Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam said the assassioation of Rabin and Shimon Peres's call for early elections last year was the reason that no peace agreement was reached.

In an interview with United Press International, Khaddam insisted that "Rabin's killing and Shimon Peres's call for early elections were the principal reasons that obstructed achieving an accord between Syria and Israel. Otherwise, they would have continued concluding the remaining points."

When asked why he had not signed a peace treaty with Israel once Rabin did agree to a full pullout, Khaddam replied: "We needed to complete all other peace elements in order to be able to sign a complete accord." to sign a complete accord."



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When all the people were in their warm houses, When the rain was outside, washing the whole country When the birds were singing a song, a sad song, Sun break my heart, say you are alive Come back and bring your smile again. I need you beside me to tell me that you are strong and

fine I will cry so many nights. My tears will become the ice of my heart.

When all the people will play I will remember how we played that you were the winner. I'm very sorry that I didn't.

Untitled

Tuesday, the 4th of February, 73 dead, one of them a friend. Two choppers crashed in the sky, 73 dead, will there

Once I heard I couldn't stop crying, they did nothing wrong, they shouldn't be dead.

But Israel will keep on trying, even though 73 men are dead, one of them my friend.

Dedicated to Dafna and Yuval. Hang in there. Adi Neumann, 13, Kfar Sava

I hate this

Untitled

I don't know why I don't feel sad, why I can't feel bad.

Why can't I shed at least one tear, when crying is all around here.

Maybe 'cause I don't know them at all, but I just wonder what made them fall.

When I think about this I want to cry, but my tears don't fall, believe me I

Soon it will be forgotten all, but not for the parents waiting for that phone

> Irit Basford, 10, Jerusalem

Poem of mourning

No life, no breath If we can just make a wish. Let them come back to you and me.

Crying tears that will always,be There's nothing to do,

not one thing. Except keep them in our

> Shani Amar, 10, Har Adar

Helicopter crash

73 soldiers died when they went to fight the Hizbullah in South Lebanon.

Their two helicopters crashed when they went to fight for peace.

I feel SAD and MAD that they died in the name of PEACE! 73 DEAD SOLDIERS - Not 10, not 30, not even 60. 73 soldiers that died to

protect me!!! Yoni Zimmer, 12.

Haifa

Untitled

They say he exists They say he took them To keep him company But I think, I know He is only in their minds I know it because they're dead .

I know it because no one Not even God Can take seventy-three

sons Away. So there is faith There is destiny But there is no GOD God wouldn't have taken

And put them closer to him To hear them scream Maya Shekrel, 16, Yehud

Children mourn In the aftermath of the tragic helicopter collision over Moshav She'ar Yashuv

one week ago, children throughout the country put their feelings on paper in pictures and poems. Through their creative efforts, they have eulogized the 73 IDF soldiers who lost their lives.

Scores of readers submitted children's poems to 'The Jerusalem Post.' Some were written in school, others were written at home. All share the attempt to find meaning in the country's worst-ever air disaster. Space limitations prevent us from publishing all of the poems submitted, but we present here a selection of the writings we received from our young readers.

Untitled

Seventy-three die In a horrible crash,

WHY? So many people loved them. back time.

> Zohar Fischer, 12, Hadera

Not even one survivor.

Untitled

Why did this thing happen to us? What did we do that on Tuesday 73 died? Are we thinking wrong?

But not one of the 73 deserved this. I wish we could bring

Are we divided?

Yair Shalmoni, 13, Kfar Sava disaster

I wish that this would not have happened I wish that they weren't in the helicopters I wish we weren't cry-

lonely. I wish that the number 73 wouldn't come up every time we talk

And I wish it would end Hila Erez, 13, Kfar Sava The helicopter

When I hear that - I want to cry; I can't believe that. The poor families of the dead soldiers are sad, are

Everybody is crying Everybody is sad. Sad music on the radio. Sadness everywhere.

Anton Gershstein, 12, Or Akiva Untitled

When you left, you promised me to come back, you gave me a kiss and I couldn't tell that it was going to be

After a day somebody called and mother started to cry, she explained to me that you won't he coming home anymore. And I just couldn't understand, how could you do a thing like that, promise to come and just forget?

Then, they were crying next to your grave and everybody left you something: letters, flowers, candles. I left you something too, a place in my heart, just for you and your friends who have gone with you.

We will never forget how young and strong you were. Yana Barkun, 15,

Jerusalem

Untitled

Sad, tiring songs Sad songs Because of the helicopter crash. Tears flowed when we heard the news. A special broadcast No survivors, not even one. The parents are already crying

And there are those that do not yet know. Such a hig flame, red and orange. The parents cry for their beloved sons that will never return.

This is the saddest day in the world. This is the day we will never forget. Know beloved soldiers We will never forget you.

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Netta Ram, 10, Har Adar

Snow falls on the ground And I feel terribly down The wind blows and tears flow. Child, child, Where are you?

Where will I find you? It's past midnight Where are you? Where? I'm walking through our

Where are you?

house, It is so quiet. Passing by your room, I

realize that you will Never sleep in your bed Again. From now on You will sleep

Somewhere else. Leah Devorah Breslow, 10,

They endangered themselves for the good of the country.

They left behind grieving families - sisters and brothers fathers and moth-

All that remains - loneliness and sorrow

Natalie Moreno, 11,

Michmoret

The shofar is still blowing

A shofar blows loud and still, while 73 new graves stand cold and gray on an Israeli hill.

are not the only ones who are sad, but the whole country is sad.'

Oh, Israel why. why! Why should these innocent men die? The blood and tears that are shed,

Oh, the expressions that are never expressed, the words that can never be said.

These graves will stand forever, how still they lie, while I and my people learn to say good-bye. Good-bye to life, good-bye to the dead, good-bye to comfort's golden thread. Oh, G-d, bring back the comfort, the joy.

Don't let this tragedy destroy! Oh, you are THE ONE G-d, in you we trust, And we know your plan is just... The shofar is still blowing loud and still,

But we now know it's for G-d's will.

Laura Iatesta, 11, Jerusalem

To Die... To die... so young to die...no, no, not I. I love the warm sunny skies, Light, songs, shining eyes. I want no war, no battle cry - no, no...not I. But if it must be that I live today With blood and death on every hand, Praised be He for the grace, I'll say to live, if I should die this day...

Upon your soil, my home, my land.

Atara Polsky, 12 Safed

**National Mourning** I am so sad and in my head I am also mad. It is so depressing that I am sitting and not moving. The world is so sad because of what happened and at

night I dream about the disaster often. I saw on TV the two helicopters that crashed and will never come back!

Liat Serok, 8, Har Adar

Untitled Soldiers Strong and Brave Guarding, Fighting, Shooting Sometimes our soldiers die protecting our country

Good bye! Grade 6 English class, Mercaz Mada V'Daat 

73 soldiers 73 kids 73 dead 73 candles and what is 73 hurting families

73 sad friends 73 crying parents 73 shocked brothers 73 torn bags 73 ruined pairs of shoes 73 thrown shirts 73 empty pants

that is the only thing we

have left from them Dana Barak, 14. Kfar Sava Candle

they were only children they grew up 73 of them they will never come back each person is now a candle 73 candles

Above, a picture of the helicopter collision by second-grader Ronit Alter of Ra'anana. 'I'm sorry that this happened,' she wrote. 'Don't worry, you

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the only warmth and feeling their families will feel is the warmth of the candle

they won't see the future and it's all because of the light the light we saw the light they will never see 73 people

73 candles each person is a candle

Dana Barak, 14, Kfar Sava

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Untitled

They were like flowers each and every one of them was like a full world.

They were young and beautiful, they were but not any-

Nidar Azizian, 15, Be'er Tuvia

My Son My son.

Do you remember, as a child, how much you loved roses? Every spring you would come into the house, Your arms full of flowers. You would run into the kitchen, give me a kiss and arrange them in a pretty vase on the table.

When you got older and became a teenager, you'd still remember every spring to bring me roses. You never forgot.

My son. At nineteen you still brought me roses. But now a young woman got them too.

My son. How your face would shine when you brought the flowers in! Your eyes were full of love, and your cheeks full of color - just like the roses. You'd laugh when you gave me the kiss.

My son. Now your smile and face will shine no more. Now it is I who brings the roses. To you.

Are you making the angels laugh in heaven? Do they have the privilege of seeing you smile? Make them happy, my son.

Like you made me happy. Every spring.

Elisheva Harow, 13,

We are sitting in class and talking We are sitting talking But not about English or anything else But about life About life that was wasted for nothing. About their lives and cares And it hurts to hear about friends Friends who are left and not We are sitting in class and talking But we have nothing to say.

> Boaz Eli, 15, Yehud

Untitled

In life you have to be a Bear, And you also have to care. When bad things occur, You have to be sure, That you will get over it. So I know how, To get over it now. And take that feeling away. I close my eyes,

And always know that all the soldiers are in heaven. Netali Ben-Zakai, 11. Jerusalem

Brave and Strong Brave and strong, they

go, they die. They die for other people, for us. Now, we can just cry,

hut, does it help? Does it bring them hack? No, but we try, we are sad, because they go, they die for other people, for us,

Brave and strong. The sun shines, but they are not. We drink wine, but they

are not. Oh, my G-d, Why? Why do they bleed? Why do they fall? Die? So young, those boys.

Efrat

Bat-El Swartz, 13,

Beersheba

You can actually hear your heart breaking. And the silence continues night and day.

Silence

try of wars.

them.

heard,

a country of wars.

Silence is never heard in

Today we are not a coun-

We are a family that

And silence is now -

has lost her sons, 73 of

Silence that is so loud,

We will return to be a country of wars, But inside us, The loud, painful

silence will continue, FOREVER

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## The Lebanon debate

last week's helicopter crash are still sitting shiva. But neither war nor politics are willing to give the mourners respite. On Sunday seven Israeli soldiers were wounded in fighting with Hizbullah guerrillas in Lebanon. And in Israel a debate is already raging on whether and . bow to get out of Lebanon.

Israeli soldiers in Lebanon, most of whom are 19 or 20 years old, are getting hit from both directions. First they face an intensification of attacks from Hizbullah, which senses that oow is the time to take advantage of the heightened Israeli desire to leave Lebanon. Secood, they must try to ignore one implication of the public debate in Israel, that they are "sitting ducks" whose sacrifice serves no real purpose.

The soldiers doing the difficult and dangerous work in Lebanoo should know that until a better alternative is found their presence there is saving the lives of civilians in northern Israel. With all the talk of unilateral withdrawal, almost no one believes that Israel should leave without arranging some substitute to the presence of the IDF and the SLA.

"Unilateral" means without Syrian agreemeot; it is oot the same as "unconditional." Everyone understands that a precipitous, unconditional withdrawal would mean Syrian-hacked terrorists on Israel's border, the destruction of the SLA, and teos of thousands of Lebanese refugees fleeing retaliation for their cooperation with Israel.

The debate is oot between maintaining the current situation and abandoning Lebanon unconditionally. The issue is whether an alternative to the current situation can be found that will allow Israel to withdraw without Syrian agreement and without compromising the security of the northern border.

The most discussed alternative at the moment is an international force, formed either by the French and the US, or by Arab states such as Egypt and Jordan, which would help the Lebanese government control the border and protect the population from retaliatioo. The question is whether any of these countries care enough about Lebanese sovereignty and facilitating Israel's withdrawal to put their own troops at risk and to weather the expected Syrian opposition to such a plan.

So far, neither the US nor France seem excited about the idea. The French ambassador to

The families of the 73 soldiers who died in Israel told this newspaper, "We don't believe that anything unilateral can be successful. I don't think a [unilateral] withdrawal would be accepted by Syria. 1 personally don't see 'Lehanon first' as a way out." A senior American official has also spoken out against unilateral withdrawal.

The interesting thing about the debate over Lebanoo is that it does oot divide along party lines. MKs Beilin, Kahalani, Ezra and Eitan seem most interested in pursuing "unilateral" alternatives, while MKs Sarid and Landau are outspokenly against such suggestions.

Some speculate that the dehate on Lebanon really reflects one's perspective oo the prospects for a deal with Syria. Those wbo believe that a comprehensive agreement with Syria is far off — or undesirable — are pushing bardest for a "Lebanoo first" solution. Those who care most about an Israeli - Syrian agreement and believe it is achievable view partial solutions in Lebanoo as a threat to such an

But what the zealots for peace with Syria should realize is that a serious attempt to safeguard a "unilateral" Israeli withdrawal could actually be the spur that brings the Syrians to the table. If Syria sees that there is sufficient international will to facilitate an Israeli withdrawal, then Syria will fear that a key form of leverage against Israel is being eliminated. The prospect of losing its Lehanese card could impel Syria to show movement on talks with Israel in order to diffuse the pressure for a "Lebanon first" arrangement.

A serious push for an internationally guaranteed Israeli withdrawal would benefit the peace process: either it would remove the need for Israel's occupation of Lebanon -- a major achievement in and of itself - or it would spur Syria's interest to negotiate with Israel in

Even if the international community could be convinced that a push for a Lebanese agreement could jumpstart - not jeopardize - a deal with Syria, arranging for an international force in Lebanon despite Syrian opposition is a tall order. As long as troops are statiooed there, the issue of withdrawal should be debated in a way that does not minimize the daily contribution IDF soldiers make to our security, and the gratitude of the nation must be felt by those on the

# Held without charge

Today's visit to Israel by French Defense Minister Charles Millon is yet another sign of the significantly improved relations between Israel and France. With French Foreign Minister Hevre de Charette due to visit here next month amid increasing talk of a French role in the Middle East, particularly in Lebanon, these ties are expected to strengthen even further.

This does not mean there are no serious differeoces of opinions between the two countries. French Presideot Jacques Chirac's recent visit here was unfortuoately ooteworthy for the controversies it caused, while Freoch business ties with the tyrants in Iran and Iraq cast a dark shadow over the morality of French foreign policy in the region.

Over the years, too, France bas oot hesitated to call Israel to task on issues of buman rights raised by the Palestinians. Now it is the turn of the Israeli authorities to draw the atteotion of their French guests to a blatant case of buman rights violation by the French authorities of an Israeli citizen, Joel Herzog, a son of former presideot Chaim Herzog.

Joel Herzog resides in Geneva and works for the Noga group headed by Nessim Gaon, his father-in-law and world president of the Union of Sephardi Jews and vice-presideot of the

**BODY BLOW** 

Yahalom compared the situation in

Israel with other Western democra-

hardly valid. Even considering the

present trend towards peace in the

Middle East, the residents of Israel

are still required to place their lives

on the line as threats from Syria,

Iran and extreme terrorist organi-

zations abound. If anybody is enti-

tled to electoral privilege, it is the

soldiers in Southern Lebanon and

those guarding the other troubled

border areas and not those who

abandoned the Land of Israel to

enjoy a complacent way of life

Hazorea.

MAURICE HERMAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

World Jewisb Coogress. The Noga group owns the Noga Hiltoo Hotel in Cannes. Allegations have been made against Cannes's mayor, accusing him of corruptioo in connection with the operation of casinos in the city's botels, including the Noga Hilton.

The French authorities invited Herzog to France to testify in connection with this accusation. He went of his own volition to help the French authorities and was immediately incarcerated in a prison in Grasse, near Cannes, oo December 2 last year. Since theo be bas been beld in jail without bail, even though no charges have been filed against him. One cannot avoid thinking that the Freoch authorities are cynically using Hcrzog as bait to entice his father-inlaw to France for questioning in the affair.

This intolerable situation of holding a persoo without pressing charges is not unusual in France. In fact, Freoch law allows a persoo to be held in jail for six months without charges. Nonetheless, there is no doubt that the French government would not sit idly by if Israel were to hold a Freoch citizeo - even if he wasn't the soo of a former president - for months without

legal action being instituted against him. France prides itself as a country devoted to liberty. In the case of Herzog it is falling down in this duty.

Sir. - I was both astouoded and Sir. - 1 refer to Mrs. Bramson's letappalled to read of the Knesset's ter of January 12 criticizing the Haifa preliminary vote in favor of grant-Municipality. I never saw Haifa more ing Israelis living ahroad the right beautiful than it is now. Flowers decto vote overseas. This decision orate corners, crosswalks and free deals a body blow to the very spaces. Very nice small colored essence of the Zionist cause. What stones are replacing the ugly asphalt a way to mark the centenary of the of some pedestrian sidewalks. The Zionist movement! streets and dustbins are cleaner. In his appearance on TV, MK There are a lot of new benches every-

cies, hut such a comparison is the name of the district. For all these improvements, we have to thank the mayor of Haifa.

MARGOT DRACH-ROSENTHAL

where, for the convenience of young

and old alike. Special stones indicate

BEAUTIFUL HAIFA

#### RIGHT TO VOTE

Sir, - Whether Israeli Americans vote or not in American elections in no way affects the elections' outcome. Israelis living abroad - were they allowed to vote in Israeli elections - could determine the outcome. The situations are not parallel.

Jerusalem.

#### NO SMOKING

Sir. - Further to your front-page report on the actions of Israel Radio employees preventing municipal inspectors from carrying out their duties in supervising non-smoking regulations (January 28), it might interest your readers. as well as Jerusalem municipal officials, to know that Israel's Media Watch had complained back in September 1996 about smoking inside windowless stu-

At that time, we were answered by Zvi Lidar, the Israel Broadcasting Authority's spokesperson. In his letter of September 19, he wrote, "we are working on the matter which you raised, from the standpoint of the law as well as that of common

sense. From the Post's story, it would seem that the IBA considers itself above the law, with no common

YISRAEL MEDAD. Director, Israel's Media Watch

Jerusalem



# Many-headed monster

etting as large a part of our population as possible to shoulder a fair share of the defense hurden is a problem that has been around and growing for quite some time.

Both our political leaders and those who command the armed forces have allowed a profoundly unfair situation to develop over time. What last week's horrible accident did was merely highlight

The fact that the 73 soldiers killed in the helicopter collision represented such a hroad crosssection of Israel only served to underline the gnawing fact that some sectors do oot serve at all, do not run the risks many of us have borne as a matter of routine since Israel's inception.

The tacit understanding has always existed among our pragmatic politicians that it simply wouldn't pay to rock the boat of the political status quo in order to solve the nasty but small problem of communal or sectoral refusal to serve in the IDF.

The only thing is, that small problem has grown into a manyheaded monster.

Young haredim granted defermeots (in reality lifelong exemp-tions) from service on the grounds that they devote their entire time to studying Torah account for about 6 per ceot of all those of draft age - a number that doubles if one adds girls from haredi families who are granted automatic Arabs similarly account for

another 10 percent, if one includes the boys alone; 20 percent, if one adds Arab girls.

Close to 5 percent of those eligible obtain exemptions for real and, in a growing number of cases, spurious - medical and mental health reasons; 12 percent ilar reasons after serving a few

YOSEF GOELL

troublesome months. In total, exemptions of youngsters of draft age who could serve in the army if they wanted, but manage to wriggle their way out, amounts to well over 40 percent. Any problem even approaching

that magnitude cannot be ignored. If all those who do oot want to serve are permitted to flit off. leaving the remaining 50-60 per-cent of 18-year-olds to give two to

When it was small and nasty it could be tolerated. But now it's huge and threatening and must be dealt with

three years of their lives - and sometimes their very lives - to defend the country, we will spon find that an increasing number of those who have been willing to serve will refuse to do so, on the principle of not being taken for a sucker.

TO ADD to this very worrying situation comes a new element the emergence of both the haredim and the Arabs - the two communities constituting the bulk of those who have been exempt from army service - from their longstanding isolation vis-a-vis the rest of Israel, and their significantly deepening involvement in the political arena.

For these communities themselves, such emergence represents a desirable change; for the rest of us it provides all the more reason are released from service for sim- to demand that a sharing in real political power and in making

be accompanied by the shouldering of a fair part of the burden deriving from these decisions. The answer to the problem of

life-and-death national decisions

dividing the burden of army service fairly can be found in a bill tabled in the Knesset this week hy former Minister of Education Amnon Rubinstein.

Many details remain to be ironed out, but the hill's basic principle - that all Israeli youngsters who are physically and mentally fit devote several years of their hves to public service - is one that should oo longer be shunted aside in the name of political expediency. The situation has grown too serious for that.

We need these tens of thousands of young men and women in our schools and hospitals, and in other forms of public service and projects. We need many of them to guard our kindergartens and schools instead of paid private security

services; and we need beefed-up civilian guard units to help fight the plague of car thefts from across the Palestinian Antonomy lines, something our understaffed police force just cannot cope with. Should the bill become law and

the wheels of this undertaking begin to turn, it won't just be "society" that benefits... Our youngsters will find that the

experience they build up while doing alternative' service will contribute greatly to their own maturity and skills, preparing them for much more satisfying lives in the long run. Above all, we will stop raising a

generation of parasites who have learned only to take, not to give, and who have been undermining the motivation of the youngsters who have been defending our lives on the front lines.

The writer comments on current

# Truth resides in tent city

t wasn't long underwear weather this winter in Jerusalem until the very end of January. However, more than long underwear was oeeded by that time for Aliza G. and 15 other homeless families still squatting in tent city outside the Prime Minister's Office.

But Aliza, a single mother of three young children, has ungratefully refused housing at a subsidized rent offered hy Amidar, the government public housing corporation. This is merely because the housing on offer involves the family's relocation to Beit Shemesh, in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Relocation is one of those snappy words often found in want ads for people such as systems analysts or museum directors.

Lesser breeds such as secretaries, teachers, even social workers, also commute into Jerusalem or Tel Aviv hy car from adjacent middle-class areas like Ramat Beit Shemesh.

For still lesser breeds like Aliza, who works in a Jerusalem old age home, relocating to Beit Shemesh just means that she will have to go on welfare. Apart from the 45-minute hus

ride to the city and back, there are no sisters or mother on hand in Beil Shemesh to bahysil when Aliza is obliged to do night shifts, or to pick up her youngest from kindergarten during the day. Nor are her employers obliged to pay her increased bus fare, let alone child care expenses.

And employment opportunities for unskilled women in Beit Shemesh are even thinner on the ground than io Jerusalem.

What relocation actually means. according to Barbara Epstein, director of the Genesis community advocacy program, is "sending the poor out into the sticks." In fact, siphoning off trouble-

euphemistically described by the Ministry of Housing as "the periphery," is part of a much wider attitude to poor people, which seems to be based on the premise that they aren't quite like you and me. Amidar, for example, includes

SUSAN BELLOS

among its regulations a clause which can evict a tenant who leaves the premises for more than 48 hours. You and me, when we rent a flat, usually negotiate a contract with the landlord. Most standard contracts contain

a clause ohligating the landlord to pay for major repairs, as well as those resulting from wear and tear. Amidar offers prospective tenants

You, me and Aliza G. We're people, she's an encumbrance

a fixed contract which only obliges the corporation to carry out major repairs on the infrastructure of the huilding.

What this means is that if the pipes get clogged or the boiler hlows, the tenant has to pay. Unfortunately, since most public

housing was put up nearly 40 years ago, the pipes clog and the boilers blow an awful lot. A new boiler at NIS 1,000 is big money for a family whose eligibility for public housing is based on having a monthly income of up to NIS 3,100.

Nevertheless, although much of public bousing features rotting wooden window frames, water seepage, and extremely poor insulation, it signifies home to no less than 250,000 people. In some places, such as Jerusalem, there are waiting lists of up to five some people to what is years.

Israelis, including Arab citizens and haredi Jews, in even worse dwellings.

A HOME for Aliza G. does oot seem to be the kind of issue that has been churning around in the think tanks of the present government. However, they have come up with one bright new idea: privatizing public housing.

It is quite true that public hous-ing, which involves no less than eight public corporations, is a very clumsy, highly bureaucratic giant. So it is tempting for some people to start up a little mantra of "streamlining," "slimmed-down government," "efficiency," etc. What privatization of public

housing will probably translate into, however, is private companies administering public housing by collecting the rents, making the repairs ctc., instead of the present corporations. Unfortunately private companies

do have that nasty habit of wanting to make a profit. The only way they can do that here is by raising rents or cutting down on repairs.

So unless the government is dead set on creating Third World slums, it will soon be obliged to

subsidize the private companies. This would, of course, defeat the purpose of making a saving by cutting government involvement. It may be an awful truth to pon-

der in neo-Thatcherite Israel, but there are some things that aren't intended to be profitable. That's wby there is such a thing as democratic government in the first place, since it is also supposed to reflect the needs and aspirations of the people. The only question is whether,

for the present government, people like Aliza G. are people.

The writer is a Jerusalem jour-

# Fate's fault

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

Te seem to suffer from a serious lack of imagination when it comes to deciding how, as a nation, we should express our common

To me, listening to our - terrihly uninspiring - chief of staff, Amnon Shahak, heing interviewed at interminable length by each TV channel separately was simply oppressive.

Everyone who watched either or both TV channels during that ghastly period following the helicopter crash now knows a lot possibly more than they want about the Yasur helicopter, about flying helicopters at night, about what various people think of Internal Security Minister Kahalani's "sitting ducks" statement, and about the 73 families who lost their loved ones.

All this helped us, perhaps, focus on the event, but to me it wasn't mourning.

I suppose that for some, perhaps even most, of the families who huried their sons last week. it was important that the TV channels tried to show scenes from every single funeral, and the families and friends of those killed eulogizing the dead.

However, once again I suspect that to most of those who watched and did oot personally know any of the boys involved, it was a monotonous ritual, one which descended, despite its significance, into the banal.

Yet, I told myself, if it is important to the families, let it be. The government declared a day of national mourning, even though the term was not quite

It was a day of mourning primarily for those of us who place our 18-year-old sons and daughters at the disposal of the IDF, to do with as it sees fit in the defense of the country. It was oot a day of mourning for those Jews

#### Some 'Oriental' Jews' reaction to the tragedy · stunned me

who, for religious reasons, refuse to send their children to serve. These people regard the belicopter tragedy as punishment from the Almighty because of the refusal of many of us - perhaps

most of us - to abide by the

IT WAS also not really a day of mourning for most of the Arab citizens of the state, even though there were two Beduin among the 73 soldiers who died.

The way most of the state's Arab citizens view the incident, the soldiers were killed in the framework of an oogoing war caused by Israel's insistence oo violating the territorial sovereignty of Lebanon, a war in which most of the victims are Lebanese civilians.

Nevertheless, the Moslem population of the country displayed much greater sensitivity than did our haredi brethren.

All the festivities to have been held in celebration of Id al-Fitr were announced cancelled, out of respect for the day of mourning. Only prayers would be held, Moslem religious authorities One Moslem religious head

chief rabbi and the prime minister to express his condolences. "We pray that we shall know oo more grief, and that a true and comprehensive peace will prevail in our region," he said.

also wrote to the president, the

The reaction to the horrendous incident that most upset me was the one I heard from many ordinary Israelis, primarily those referred to as "Oriental" Jews. Signs of the tragedy, I heard declared again and again, could be discerned in the weekly Torah

portion, and elsewhere in our CONTROS What this implies is that there is oo need for us to check and recheck, to make sure that we are taking all oecessary precaotions to prevent accideots; whatever we do, nothing is in our

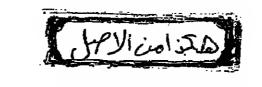
Such an interpretation doesn't even associate the event with "sins" we may have committed. It was simply something that had to happen, because it was thus preordained.

With such a fatalistic approach. the State of Israel would never have been established - or, if established, would never have developed.

It points to a major failure of our educational system, growing sections of which are totally outside the state system. It is incredible that, on the eve

of the 3rd millenium, such opinions still prevail

The writer is a political scientist.



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# The merry side of dancing

By ORA BRAFMAN

The only ballet company in Israel, the Israel Ballet, celebrates three decades under the directorship of its founders Berta Yampolsy and Hillel Markman, her husband. In recent years, as the company grew and its work matured, it has reached a

THE ISRAEL BALLET
30TH ANNIVERSARY
Carte De Visite, Berts Tampoles,
Gershwin Concerto, Krynstof Pes
Encore, Berts Yampoles,
February 4 at the Tel Aviv
Center of Performing Arts.

respectable level of professional ism that enables it to tackle major classical and neo-classical ballet works - none of which we saw at last week's performance.

The program was very light and presented the merry side of dancing. All three works evoked a faint tingling feeling of unease as they recalled earlier works by others. Gershwin Concerto was set to Gershwin's piano concerto, and Pastor captured well the mood and



Orna Kugel stars in the Israel Ballet's 30th-anniversary per-formance of 'Carte de Visite.'

spirit of the music and built a delightful interplay between regi-mented rules of ballet and playfully breaking them. It reminds one of the shrewd dance Who Cares (1970) set to a sequence of song

by Gershwin and set by the great American choreographer George

Yampolsky gives credit to the Danish choreographer Harold Lander who came up with the idea of taking daily ballet exercises and using them as dance material. Several major Russian companies had used the same trick. It worked there and it works very well here in the sense that a mass of enthusiastic dancers stretch and sweat, kick and split, and it looked impressive and populist just as it is. So Yampolsky went even further and gave us ber "blue and white" version of "Stars and Stripes" by Balanchine — just without the buge national flag unrolling as a back drop.

Both works are set to march tunes, both are naive and a bit embarrassing as sucb. Encore's medley of tunes parades the dancers who stride along.

The aothorities are debating whether to invest a fortune on a military parade for the state's 50th independence day. Israel Ballet's festive march beats a military

#### THEATER REVIEW

# Wall Street on the stage

By NAOM DOUDAL

this is the tale of a Wall Street shark come to cannibalize the prond life achievement of a decent, oldtime manufacturer. The action in Money is dominated by his frenzied attempt at a takeover. A racy,

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

Some Oriente

Jews' reactions

the tragedy

stunned me

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By Jerry Sterner, Hebrew, Anmon Dankner, Hebrew ittle, Kasef shal Aherim. Beersheba Municipal Theater.

fast-moving, fast-talking scenario, it has already been successfully

Director

Millo – an

Israeli, died last week. He

did not go quietly into the night. At his 80th birthday celebration a

few months earlier, be had whis-

pered a wish as he blew out the

sole candle on the cake: "to



Avi Oria and Ariel Furman give fine performances.

may follow the fun, to the uniniti-But while high-finance wizards ated, stock exchange shenanigans logue

are not all that comprehensible or intriguing.

However, for theatergoers in Beersheba, there is the depiction of the demise of seemingly still rentable but economically outdated concerns, an issue that harasses the area more than just a little.

Peppered with salty Hebrew street idiom and heavy with the suspense of a hate-love denouement - money finally wins but so does love - a shmaltzy happy-ending offsets the dark side of what might otherwise bave been a serious socio-economic drama.

At all levels, the performances with Avi Oria and Ariel Furman as the leads are as animated and entertaining as the spirited dia-

# A friend of Natasha

Natasha Tadson

Josef Millo, the director I'm too lazy about this who made theater here

aspect of the career. But Hadara, who was a very dear woman and a great friend, arranged all these concerts for me." The concerts are a series with the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion, the But it did not happen, could not Haifa Symphony Orchestra - and the

happen, because the theater community that owes much of its professional life to his vision and genius had dropped him like last

"Sucb neglect is hard to forgive," said playwright/translator Dan Almagor, standing on the Cameri stage by Millo's coffin, "but we are guilty too because we had no time for him."

Millo founded the Cameri Theater in 1944 with his wife. Jemima, and a few young rebels, and ran it until 1961 when be founded the Haifa Theater. And with one bold stroke, Millo made Israeli theater local and contemporary with his landmark 1948 production of Moshe Shamir's Hu Halach Basadot ("He Went Through the Fields").

Bom in Czechoslovakia, Millo, known to friends as Peppo, and his family immigrated in 1920. His theatrical career started when the Matateh Theater hired him as an actor in 1942. His last theater job was as an actor too, playing the old doctor in the 1994 Habimah production of The Three

Between 1944 and 1976, when his career effectively ended, he directed some 50 productions, often adapting them for the stage thimself. In 1982, embinered and disillusioned, he went to Germany where he became principal of the Essen Fine Arts

School. His was what is known as director's theater way before its time. He had imagination, style, daring and an impeccable sixth sense of what would work oo stage. He was, above all, an actors' director.

Charismatic and charming though he was, Millo could also be capricious and insensitive. His disregard for time and budget was legendary, but when they come to write him into histoas Moshe Shamir said, they'll have to use that word:

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT appreciation Tf this is Nazasha Tadson's year, the planist cares it all to United

Levin, who died just over a year ago. "I don't have a manager and I'm not pushing myself," says Tadson. "I don't like doing it and

Ra'anana Symphonette

Orchestra, as well as a recital at the Tel Aviv Museum. Tadson immigrated from the Soviet Union two decades ago and has an Israeli busband and an

Israeli daughter. But "I don't know if I ever felt like a new immigrant," she says. "I have two worlds... And when I need to force my daughter [Hadar. 11] to play the violin I behave like a Russian mother enforcing a mili-

tary regime." TADSON DOES not have a favorite composition although she seems to be associated with the Russian repertoire - she plays Shostakovich with the Rishon Lezion and Ra'anana orchestras,

and Prokofiev with Haifa. "The piece I'm playing at a certain time is always the best in the world for the planist owes it all to Hadara me. Even when I play an Israeli work, which I don't want and from which I suffer, once I go on stage to play it I'm convinced that it is the best work in the world."

> the preparation and me for practicing

And this is why Tadson chooses her repertoire according to her own taste and not necessarily to pander to the audience. In her coming Tel Aviv Museum recital on February 22 she plays works by Schubert, Rachmaninoff and Liszt, and Beethoven's Diabelli Variations. The latter is a work "only people who actually play the piano can enjoy, it's really not for the average audience. But I chose a program which suits my soul and my intellect and bopefully the audience will enjoy it too. And if they don't that's

She seems to prefer

rehearsal process to the actual performances. "If people would pay would have loved doing it because this is definitely my greatest pleasure. I like to work, to study and to advance in life. And you achieve this by regular ongoing work at the piano and

sarily in 'the limelight." OK with me as well. I don't want to insult the audience, but I play first

# It's ironic that this joyous brew

great new-wave bands of the '70s:
"If you're oot using this style anymore, do you mind if we borrow

reached No. 1 in the US on the REGARDLESS OF where ber strength of the rather ordinary Madonna-cloned mega-hit "Don't The rest of the record, however,

No Doubt's magic 'Kingdom'

TRAGIC KINGDOM
No Doubt
(Hed Artzi)

SISTERS OF AVALON

is one big late-'70s California beach party, one that the members of No Doubt and anyone wbo hears the record must be enjoying

career has gone since, the fact remains that Cyndi Lanper was responsible for one of pop's shin-ing moments with 1984's She's So A gaggle of alternative female

rockers including current No Doubt's Gwen Stefani owe a great debt to Lauper's groundbreaking melodic and vocal innovations that

made ber one of the most original artists to emerge in the '80s. Dormant for most of this decade except for a successful greatesthits package, Lauper has returned

with the widely varied, wildly inconsistent Sisters of Avalon.

Lauper can't decide whether to She's still unusual, if a little less delve into the sophisticated pop- so, and she's still worthwhile.

Annie Lennox call home or stick with the quirky, starkly personal tunes she rose to stardom on. So she tries both.

Unfortunately, the traits that made her so attractive are often buried under a slick gloss that still makes for pleasant listening but falls short of ber potential.

When she strips away the facade, her skewed outlook, wonderfully unique vocals and gift for melody shine through, making ballads like "Hot Gets a Little Cold" and "Fearless" and the infectious sin-

# Radio 3 supports local artists

#### By CHARLES SOLOMON

By DAVID BRINN

the dark-horse success stories of

the past year. The album is a melt-

ing pot of late '70s styles propelled by an updated MTV sheen.

The outlandish B-52s/Blondie

caricatures and the cheesy synth

riffs and Gwen Stefani's girl-group

vocals float effortlessly over reg-

It's as if the band said to all the

gae, ska and punk beats.

To Doubt is undoubtedly the

band of the moment, and

Tragic Kingdom is one of

adio 3 recently announced that it is to increase the percentage of Israeli repertoire it broadcasts from the current unofficial rate of 40 percent

to 60 percent. The move comes io response to the station's recent decline io popularity. During its heyday in the '70s, '80s and early '90s, Radio 3 was Israel's premier pop radio station, but it now finds itself in a very different market-

The first blow came in the guise of MTV, which stole the thunder not only from Radio 3, but also from the rival IDF radio

To make matters worse, Radio 3 now bas to compete with a myriad of local radio stations that have sprung up in the last 18 mooths.

Menahem Granit, Radio 3's Head of Programming and Entertainment, explains that the sta-

certed effort to discover and nurture new and emerging talent, and is doing so by broadcasting special programs from development towns, in which local artists are given a chance to be heard on a national level.

The station also broadcasts live performances of local artists who might not get the exposure they deserve. In other words, it is becoming a community station, but on a oational level.

Israel is not alone in "protecting" its local artists from being swamped by "imported" music. Canada, for example, has a similar situation where radio stations by law have to broadcast 40 percent local content.

And here, one of the new regional radio stations in the Dan region last week announced that it will be adopting a 100 percent Israeli music policy. The question is wbether Radio

tion's main aim is to support lsraeli artists.

3's decision to pursue this policy non-Israeli music being played on their programs, or whether they simply have their ears to the they simply have their ears to the ally bave radio stations turning ground, and know what local their backs, or severely limiting, audiences really want to hear.

# **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15**

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#6	7.	7	V/A	BEST OF '96
#7	9	24	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	COLLECTION
#8	20	8	RONIT SHAHAR	SHALOM LATMIMUT
#9	18	4	JAMIROQUAI	TRAVELING
#10	5	13	SPICE GIRLS	SPICE
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#14	8	4	MIKA KARNI	MIKA KARNI
#15	14	40	GEORGE MICHAEL	OLDER

#### **CONCERT ROUNDUP**

# 'La Boheme' comes down to earth

and foremost for myself."

hen tenor Vincenzo La unese young los Scola cried "Mimi, able to make it. Sinopoli's choi well calculated Boheme, it was not even a cry, but more a faint recognition of the funitity of life.

It was not the usual way to end the opera, but then this IPO concert performance was far from usual. Giuseppe Sinopoli, on the podium, gave us a *Boheme* totally devoid of its usual Puccinian schmaltz.

Instead of the soul, Sinopoli addressed his performance to the intellect. This was not a romantic La Boheme but a very down-10earth one, more in time with the verismo composers Mascagni and

Leoncavallo.
Sinopoli was at his best in the third act of the opera, the most poignant and "real" in the story. This is where the story reached to the heart, where one realized that ation transforms one's accustomed

Sinopoli's choice of tempi were well calculated and performed. Unfortunately the singers were not

A TABLA - Indian drum - solo, by Pandit Sharda Sahai, is a rare treat. From slow, sustained beats the imperceptibly gradual acceler-

Then tenor Vincenzo La these young lovers will never be Western concept of time as a process evolving in regular units. Subtle and also sharply contrasting tone colors, produced from an unmelodic instrument, border on the miraculous.

> sense of contrast, but became an organic unity. One could only marvel at the pair's intimate interaction and at their mutual working up to a frenzied yet tightly controlled climax. Israel Museum, January 27

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all up to Sinopoli's level and that The intricacy of steadily expanding rhythmical patterns is beartbreaking and the dexterity of the fingerwork, functioning with of the orchestra, which played La Scola was fine as Rodolfo. Maria Bayo is a first-rate singer, but her Mimi was too heavy and split-second accuracy, is masterly virtuosity combined with utmost over-dramatic. The rest of the cast spiritual concentracion.

When Sangay Sharama's sarod joined in, the latter's slow notes and the tabla's high speed rhythms was mediocre, and Julie Kaufmann's Musetta didn't manage to excite the andience in the opera's showstopping aria.

Mann Auditorium, Feb. 3 unaccountably did not produce a Michael Ajzenstadt

# **BUSINESS**

in brief

#### Frenkel: January deficit alarming

The government's NIS 1.28 hillion budget deficit in January is "alarming" since it represents a meaningful deviation from the current fiscal year's master plan, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said this week at the Jerusalem Economic Forum. He reiterated his long-standing view that the government should adopt a monitoring mechanism with which it can detect hudgetary deviations and treat them in time.

Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Gov't to give Bezeq NIS 60m. owed by PA

Bezeq will get the NIS 60 million owed the telecommunications company hy the Palestinian Authority, after the Finance Ministry agreed to deduct the money from the funds it transfers

The agreement, long sought by Bezeq, was reached by outgoing Treasury director-general David Brodet and outgoing Bezeq director-general Yizzhak Kaul. Bezeq agreed to immediately on a regular basis to the PA. transfer the royalties it has been withholding from the Treasury while waiting for a solution to the PA debt problem. A few weeks ago, Bezeq sent the ministry NIS 30.5m. out of the NIS 76m. it owed in royalties.

#### World Bank: Africa top priority

World Bank President James Wolfensohn wrapped up a visit to Senegal yesterday with a warning to Africa to stamp out corruption. "Africa is the World Bank's top priority and we want to strengthen our partnerships with the region," he said, "We've got money available. What we need are satisfactory projects."

Last year the World Bank approved \$2.7 hillion in loans for African countries covering 53 projects. Wolfensohn, who later left for Ghana and the second leg of a nine-day Africa tour, said the bank would keep a watch list of anyone tainted by corrup-

"As far as World Bank projects are concerned, anyone found guilty of corruption will be put on our black list and we will not deal with them," he told a news conference at the end of a threeday visit to the West African nation. It was a theme he touched on before leaving Washington on the tour, which also takes him to Mozambique and South Africa.

#### America Online aims for non-US members

America Online Inc. said yesterday it aims to have more than one million members outside the US in 1997 and expects Japan to become the second higgest Internet market.

We were the first \$1 billion interactive services company and we aim to be the first \$2b, company," AOL International President Jack Davies said yesterday during the MILIA multimedia fair, which runs until tomorrow. He said the aim of AOL studies was to become "platform-independent" and create content that can be available on the AOL service, but also on the Internet or via digital television.

# Gaon: Koor to hold road show in 'a Gulf state' later this year

#### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and GALLT LIPKIS BECK

Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's largest industrial concern, will send a delegation on an investors road show to one of the Gulf states later this year, CEO Benjamin Gaon said yesterday during a meeting with The Jerusalem Post, where he offered a broad assessment of the relationship between hig business and the peace process. An article based on the meeting

will appear in next week's Money magazine. Gaon, who would not specify exactly when the event will take

place or in which country, said the plan reflects improvements in husiness relationships with neighboring countries following the Hehron agreement.
"I can't go into details, because

I don't want to destroy the plan," Gaon said. "It's enough of a statement that it's kosher; it means it's not a secret.'

An open supporter of Shimon Peres's reelection bid, Gaon said; the peace process is continuing under Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and its benefits are beginning to be felt throughout

While the Arah boycott is less acute, he pointed to improved relations with countries such as Indonesia, India, China, and Japan as the real proof of Israel's expanding circle of husiness partners.

"Being an Israeli entrepreneur and an Israeli husinessman is no longer a liability; in fact it has become an asset worldwide," Gaon said. "I don't have to apologize that I am an Israeli or to hide my identity."

The real change in climate took place following November's Cairo economic summit.

Unlike the 1995 regional business conference in Casablanca, where some 250 enthusiastic Israeli businessmen descended on Morocco with billion-dollar business proposals, at last year's event Arab and Israeli delegates



Koor Industries CEO Benjamin Gaon (center), hosted by Jerusalem Post President and Publisher Yehuda Levy (third from right) meets with members of the newspaper's senior staff yesterday.

discussed more realistic deals in the range of \$20 million - \$30m., Gaon said.

He said the recent visit bere hy Ibrahim Karnel, an Egyptian husiness tycoon and the Cairobased Kato conglomerate's CEO, followed their acquaintance during the conference.

"I insisted that if he came to Israel be would do so in the wide open, in the full limelight of the

Since then unconfirmed reports by The Financial Times have claimed Kato purchased \$60m. worth of Koor shares, a batch which would add up to a 5%

stake in the holding company. Gaon would only say that shares were bought, but he "had no idea" of the size of the pur-

Recently warming husiness relations with Cairo have led Koor to also consider participating in the Egyptian government's privatization efforts, specifically in the telecommunications sector.

Koor, which has also been deeply involved in supplying the Palestinian Authority's accelerated construction activity, is now beginning to look at opportuni-ties in its telecommunications

Concerning Netanyahn's leadership, Gaon complimented his edge, which he thought was promisingly complemented hy Finance Minister Dan Meridor's experience and Bank of Israel Governor Jacoh Frenkel's exper-

"They are not amateurs and they are running the economy in an orderly fashion," be said. However, his impression is that the premier has yet to surround himself with an efficient staff,

# Beilin: Don't hurt interests of Cable and Wireless

#### By DAVID HARRIS

latest developments surrounding Bezeq's privatization "with some concern," according to Labor MK Yossi Beilin, who cautioned the government yesterday not to harm the interests of UK-based minority sharebolder Cable and Wireless

Beilin's remarks followed the cabinet's decision on Friday to cap any private holding - whether local or foreign - in the national phone carrier at 25 percent, and to require government approval for any attempted purchase of more than a

5% stake in the company.

"If they are doing this to harm Cahle's interests, it's not a sensible move," said Beilin.

Meretz MK Amnon Ruhinstein, a former communications minister. called the 5% rule "far too

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said the decision was not

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ome and foreign investors in Bezeq.

Other state assets already face similar restrictions. El Al, for example, is prohibited by international regulations from selling more than a 25% stake to a foreign investor. "I don't object if the government

wishes to keep Bezeq in Israeli hands, but not in this way," said Ruhinstein. For a government that believes in the free market, this is a very strange decision." The government wishes to reach

a standstill agreement with C&W before proceeding with a global public offering, whereby the company will refrain from buying more shares, according to the October 1996 Privatization in Israel report from the Giza Group, a private investment banking firm.

The report adds that the government resents C&W purchasing shares in the open market. C&W called in August for Bezen

taken to restrict the interests of to be privatized by offering shares C&W, which currently holds to the public, rather than by selling Long-time supporters of a free- 10.02% of the firm, but to eliminate a controlling interest to a strategic

> Israel government's endeavors to and its privatization of Bezeq, according to a company statement.

> C&W wants to expand its stake in Bezeq but does not seek controlling share in the firm, C&W executive director for strategy and corporate business development, Jonathan Solomon, said at the Jerusalem Business Conference in November.

ship and control."

One factor deterring the govern-

"We are currently studying the proposals," said C&W spokesman Peter Eustus. "We are continuing to hold negotiations with the government, in a friendly atmosphere."

C&W purchased its share of Bezeq via the markets, not in a private sale, something Beilin says is the way a government company<sup>1</sup>

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"Cable & Wireless supports the achieve a public flotation of shares

Cable wants to increase its share in Bezeq," he said. "We're not mounting a takeover, nor seeking control. There is not necessarily a correlation between share owner-

ment from selling the controlling share is time, since it would take much longer than a share flotation, as it would require new legislation.

"Bezeq is very unhappy with C&W's involvement, not because of a fear of losing control, hut because it believes Cable is not sufficiently innovative," one leading expert on the public sector said. "Bezeq would much rather do business with a US firm, not a company which isn't even the market leader

should be privatized.

"I believe the way forward is by public flotation and allowing the workforce to play a role, not by sale of the controlling shares," said



#### behind return to race for Hapoalim won't be as severe as some expected, and the The Arison consortium is competing for resurgence of the capital market is an indica- control of Bank Hapoalim against a group

A dramatic change in Claridge's analysis of Israel's macro-economic and political situation bas encouraged the group to join the Arison consortium in its bid for control of Bank Hapoalim, Jonathan Kolber, bead of the investment group which last June withdrew from the race for the purchase, said yester-

When Claridge dropped out of the tender, it explained that various economic and political factors had changed since it was first pub-

The government's sale of Hapoalim, the nation's largest bank, is in the framework of the privatization process.

According to Kolber, the group's decision

to once again take part in the tender is primarily due to political and economic

changes.
"We believe that the current recession

tion of better things to come," he said. The signing of the Hebron agreement also

Claridge: Political-economic climate

encouraged the Claridge Group, Kolber said. "I think this is a major change, or a confirmation of where the government is going. I think it is good for the economy and for In addition to Claridge, the Arison consortium – which is headed by businessman Ted

Arison - consists of the Dankner Group, Eitan Wertheimer and Motti Zisser, US billionaire Len Ahramson and the US fund Hperion, which specializes in bank acquisi-

Arison Investments, which will be the leading investor in the consortium, is expected to purchase up to 30% of the package of Bank Hapoalim shares to be acquired, while the remaining shares will be equally divided amongst the other investors.

headed by US businessman Jeffrey Keil and local businessman Eliezer Fishman. Both groups are interested in purchasing

larger shares than the 20% offered by the

MI Holdings, the government-owned firm in charge of the bank sale process, is expected to officially announce the opening of the tender soon.

It has the intention of completing the sale within five months.

The Arison group has a small advantage over the Keil consortium in the Hapoalim stakes, because Arison and Claridge already have the Bank of Israel's approval to purchase control of the bank. .

Keil and Fishman currently hold 8% of the bank's shares.

No comment was available from the Keil-Fishman gronp.

# Westinghouse buys cable channels from Gaylord for \$1.55b.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) People that will use archives and Westinghouse Electric Corp., the owner of the CBS television network, is acquiring two country music cable channels from Gaylord Entertainment for \$1.55

billion in stock. Westinghouse is getting The Nashville Network and the Country Music Television channels networks in the deal announced yesterday.

For years under its previous owners, CBS had stayed out of the cable industry while focusing on its broadcasting business.

That put it at odds with ABC and NBC; ABC controls the ESPN networks, while NBC has the MSNBC and CNBC cahle channels. Under Westinghouse, though, CBS has been making significant efforts to expand into

The network is developing a channel called CBS Eye On

new programming to air realitybased shows about people.

It is set to launch on March 31 Last June, CBS bought the Spanish-language news channel TeleNoticias, which is available on cable and satellite.

Edward Gaylord, chairman of Gaylord Entertainment, said his company felt the two country music networks could grow faster as part of a larger media compa-The Nashville Network has pro-

gramming focusing on country music and motorsports. Country Music Television primarily airs music videos. TNN currently reaches more than 70 million bouseholds and

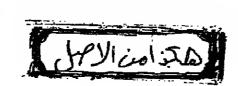
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The transaction is expected to be completed later this year, the companies said.

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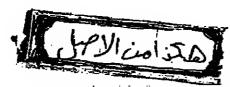
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# Shares mixed on deficit concern

Mishtanim **259.55 A 0.11**%

Maof **268.38 ▲ 0.10**%

ROBERT DANIEL

Shares were little changed yes-terday after Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel expressed concern about the nation's budget

Rising shares included chemicals producer Dead Sea Works

Key Representative Rates		
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Ltd., up three percent; construction company Ackerstein Industries Ltd., up 3.75%; and Formula Systems Ltd., which controls the software company

Leading losers included holding company Clal Israel Ltd., down %; investment company Mofet Israel Technology Fund Ltd., off 3%; state-controlled telecommunications company Bezeq, off

1.75%, and Israel Discount Bank

Crystal Systems Solutions Ltd., up

the daily 10% limit.

Ltd., down 2%. Frenkel said in a speech that the deficit would require him to maintain a policy of "monetary restraint." He has conditioned a significant interest rate cut on the government bringing spending more in line with expected rev-

On February 4, the last time Frenkel expressed concern over the deficit, the Maof Index sank

The market's resilience in the face of Frenkel's latest remarks is "another sign that we are in a bull market," said Eran Goren, the comanaging director of Zannex Securities, in Ramat Gan. Frenkel's remarks were "a sign that could be meaningful, and the market didn't react" negatively.

The Mishtanim Index of 100 most-traded issues finished 0.11% up, at 259.55, while the Maof Index of the top 25 issues added 0.10%, to 268.38. The Mishtanim and Maof set their life highs -259.95 and 269.01 respectively on February 5.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 149.3 million of shares traded. That's 26% less than the month's daily average of NIS 200.9m. and 9.3% less than the year's average of NIS 164.6m. About three issues rose for every two that fell.

#### WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

#### Eurobourses mixed

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses fell back somewhat at the end of the day yesterday under the influence of a weaker Wall Street after London, Frankfurt and Paris hit record trading highs.

Frankfurt closed trading sharply higher at a new record before New York trading began, But London ended flat and well down from its record trading peaks of the day, with sentiment blunted when an opening Wall Street rally faded.

US blue chips were 17 points down at 6,838, when most European bourses closed. The Paris bourse, which had been less ebullient, turned negative at the end with sentiment damped by New

On currency markets the dollar ended the European session on firm note after traders digested weekend comments from finance ministers from the G7 and pulled the US unit up from overnight lows.

#### WALL STREET REPORT

#### Dow falls on profit-taking

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks fell yesterday, led by technology shares, which slid sharply amid heavy prof-it-taking on January's gams and more disappointing earnings news from the computer networking sec-

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 49.26 points to close at 6,806.54, having surrendered an early 20-point gain that briefly put the blue-chip barometer within 10 points of a

Broader measures also fell, with the steepest drop coming in the technology-laden Nasdaq market. Before the start of trading, networking equipment maker 3Com warned that earning for its current quarter will be disappointing.

3Com shares numbled as the second most active Nasdag issue after riva

Cisco Systems, which also plunged. Cascade Communications, another networking equipment maker that recently reported disappointing carnings, also fell.

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in brief

#### Millwall sack manager, put 12 players up for sale

LONDON (Reuter) - London clob Millwall sacked their manager Jimmy Nicholl and chief executive Graham Hortop yesterday and transfer-listed 12 players in a drastic £1.5 million (\$2.4 million) cost-cutting exercise.

They also asked all remaining staff and players to take a 10 percent cut in wages

Manager Nicholl, a former Northern Ireland international who had been manager since February 1996 was replaced by John Docherty, back at the club he took into the top flight in 1988.

Millwall have been relegated twice since then and have accumulated debts of around £10 million (\$16.3 million).

#### Girardelli says farewell

SESTRIERE, Italy (Reuter) - Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli, one of the greatest racers in the history of Alpine skiing, announced his retirement yesterday after doctors told him to quit or risk a life on crutches.

The five-times overall World Cup champion said he had wanted to complete this season and continue until the 1998 Nagano Olympics but his 33-year-old body, battered by injury, could stand no more. He won 46 races and captured 13 medals at championships and Olympics in a 17-year career.

#### Cronje to captain Irish cricket team

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - South African cricket captain Hansie Cronje is to lead Ireland in England's Benson and Hedges Cup limited-overs competition later this year, it was revealed yesterday.

Cronje, who has never been to Ireland, will captain the side in four matches starting in April in a competition where they have

not won a game since they first participated in 1994.

Ireland's most famous cricketing victory came in a one-day game at the expense of the mighty West Indies in 1969 and, with the inspirational Cronje at the helm, they now hope to win at least one group match.

#### **Bickerstaff to coach Bullets**

DENVER (AP) — Bernie Bickerstaff resigned yesterday as the Denver Nuggets' general manager to become head coach of the Washington Bullets.

Bickerstaff, whose served as an assistant with Washington from 1973-1985, was to be introduced as the Bullets' coach at a oews conference at the team's practice facility in Bowie,

## **Hapoel Tel Aviv** almost sold

By ORI LEWIS

After months of searching for "Messrs, Right," Hapoel Tel Aviv soccer club appears to have found the group of investors who will buy and support the ailing outfit.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz announced yesterday that a consortrum headed by advertising mogul Moshe Teomim, Sami Sagol, a leading executive in Keter Plastic, and businessman Motti Orenstein would begin the takeover of the club when negotiations are completed in a mooth.

The Histadrut will continue to ruo the day-to-day business of Hapoel until the end of this season, new owners. The consortium has agreed to pay an initial sum of NIS 1.5 million, while the Histadrut will continue to run the club, and service its debts, which amount to an estimated NIS 7 million.

The new owners will have only a limited managerial role this season and have committed to invest at least NIS 1 million beyond running costs in each of the coming seasons. They will receive the club debt-free at the beginning of the coming sea-

"Continuity is the most important running of the club.

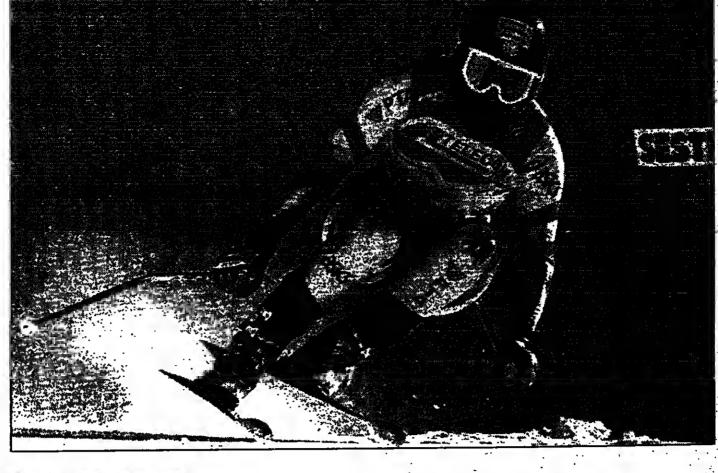
priority at present," Teomim said yesterday, "We will begin preparing the club for next season in consultation with the current management and the coach [Dror

The club is still oot 100 percent saved, however, as a clause in the purchasing contract says that the investors can pull out of the deal if Hapoel is relegated. The club currently lies next to bottom in the National League, a position from which the only way is down, to the Second Division.

The new faces at Bloomfield are also very interested in holding on to international defender Felix Halfon, who has made it clear he ishes to move to Maccabi Tel Aviv. His case is currently under arbitration. We will do our best to keep

Felix at Hapoel Tel Aviv, as we are still responsible for the club." said Peretz. "However, if the arbitrator decides that he is free to go, the money from his sale will be put into a fund which will go toward buying other players," Peretz con-

Teomim announced Orenstein would be the executive most involved in the day-to-day



Fastest down the slopes

Austria's Stefanie Schuster passes a gate as she clocks the fastest time in women's downhill practise in Sestriere, Italy yester day. The race proper, which is part of the World Alpine Skiing Championships will be held on Saturday.

# Hapoel Jerusalem hoping to pluck Fener's feathers

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Staggered a bit by its loss to Hapoel Tel Aviv at Ussishkin on Sunday night, Hapoel Jerusalem returns to European Cup play this evening at Malha against Turkey's Fenerbahce, hoping to build a point differential that will bold up next week in Turkey.

Coach Gadi Kedar's elub has to be buoyed by Billy Thompson's recovery from a back injury. Thompson had a fine State Cup game last week vs. Boei Herzliya, and played well vs. Tel Aviv,

MONTE CARLO (Reuter) -

Scotland will seck to extend

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in a replay of a game scrapped

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Thordarsoo plans to send his

young team into attack hoping

for an upset despite what he

fears is Scottish skill in set

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of Monaco after Estonia failed to

show up to the original game in

The match is being played io

coach Teitur

Still, Kedar oo doubt would have liked his charges to be coming off a win going into the important European contest, his club's first since disposing of Germany's Ulm. The Turkish elub, which bas

played in European competition for the past four consecutive years, is probably best known for center Dallas Comegys, a 2.06 meter De Paul graduate who played in the NBA before finally coming to Turkey, where he was shot and scriously wounded in a Turkish nightchib. A definite force inside, Comegys will probably draw either Thompson or Dan Bingenheimer

Scotland seek real win

in Estonia replay

Fener's other foreigner, forward Henry Turner (2.00) who also has NBA experience, vowed never to leave Turkey until Comegys recovered from the shooting, and is a highly potent offensive player who can score inside or outside. He averages over 26 points per game in the Turkish league

Point guard and Turkish national team player Ibrahim Kutlai is the other offensive threat, who once scored 56 points for the Turkish. side. A brilliant three-point shooter, he and the two foreigners can light up the scoreboard in a hurry. Ardal while 2.07 forward Zaza Anden plays up front with the two Americans. Kedar would be welladvised to try to slow down the pace, as the Turks are a running If Jerusalem manages to work the

ball inside to Thompson and Bingenheimer and the two are able to foul out one or both of the Americans, it will give Hapoel that much more of a shot at achieving the big win they need to survive next week in Istmbul, where the

# Moya leads Spain over Germany in Davis Cup

LONDON (Reuter) - Australian Open finalist Carlos Moya cruised to a straight-sets victory over Hendrik Dreekman on Sunday to give Spain. champions Germany in their Davis Cup world group first round match.

Mallorca. Jim Courier overcame a spirited challenge from Gustavo Kuerten to

give 1995 champions US a decisive 3-1 lead over Brazil in Ribeirao, winning 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6. Alex O'Brien won the final singles against Fernando Meligeni.

Marc Rosset who was clearly feeling the effects of 10 hard sets over the previous two days.

"We are eager to bring the Cup to Sweden," said team captain Carl-Axel Hageskog. "With the team spirit and the very good players I have, I think it's possible. We have to go for it." France were oussed from the Cup pleted the formality of a 4-1 win on

The Netherlands, trailing 2-0 after the opening singles, completed a Romania in Bucharest.

beating Andrei Pavel 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 after team mate Jan Siemerink defeated Adrian Voinca 7-6, 5-7, 6-7, 7-6, In Durban, South African doubles

Saturday to secure their quarter-final Jiri Novak sealed a 3-2 victory for

in his final Davis Cup appearance.

Korda defeated Leander Paes 5-7,

6-3, 6-4, 6-1 then announced he was retiring from Davis Cup tennis. "It is a very tiring, draining experi-

# Derby day in Toto Cup semis

By DEREK FATTAL

Civic rivalries in both Tel Aviv and Haifa are set to heat op with National League outfits from both cities competing against each other in this afternoon's Toto Cup semi-

Up north at Kiryat Eliezer, Maccabi Haifa faces off against Hapoel Haifa, while the Big Orange's contest sees the city's two leading National League clubs, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Bnei Yehoda lock horns against each at the National Stadium Ramat Gan. At stake is a place in next Tuesday's Toto Cup final and a sizeable cash bonus for the eventual winner All four semi-finalists have had dissappointing seasons in the National League, and so today's matches are a perfect opportunity for them to show some of their real potential, and bring some long-awaited cheer to their

In the Haifa meeting Hapoel will be bouyed by their determined performance against Betar Jerusalem last Saturday, and will be aiming to avenge the 2-1 defeat inflicted by Maccabi when the sides met in the league last October.

Maccabi Tel Aviv found the net four times against Hapoel Beensheba at the weekend but are likely to find Bnei Yehnda a somewhat tougher proposition. Both matches kick off at 5 pm.

In the Second Division's semifinal phase of the competition, there is a strong likelihood of an all-Ashdod final. Hapoel Ashdod plays Hapoel Hadera, while Ironi Ashdod is pitted against Hakoah Ramat Gan. Both matches are being played at Bat Yam, with the first game kicking-off at 3 pm, and the second at 5 pm.

## **Drug testing** to become mandatory

By HEATHER CHAIT

Israeli sport is on the threshold of a new era where all players will be subjected to drug lests. Following rumors in the Hebrery press that top soccer players have been using stimulants to enhance their performance. Deputy Minister of Education Moshe Peled decided yesterday that drug detecting tests will be carried out on sportsmen.

In Yediot Aharonot this week, an anonymous soccer player revealed that use of drugs is widespread, adding that even members of a

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The decision to test players came after a meeting at Wingate Institute between Peled, sports officials and the Committee

sent to Cologne for analysing, at a prohibitive cost, but facilities at Tel Hashomer's Central Laboratory for Drug Detection are now expected to meet the stan-

· This will reduce the expense of the test from NIS 1,000 to NIS 80 per test. Results which prove positive

Both the Israel Football Association and the Israel Basketball Association backed the

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Tallinn in October, where the kiek-off was brought forward their lead at the top of their after Scotland complained about the floodlights.

Scottand kicked our alone were originally awarded a 3-0 victory after a surreal game that lasted three seconds. Estonia secured a replay, and Monaco was choseo after suggestions of sending the teams to Cyprus or even Azerbaijan.

Thordarsoo said the Estonians, deprived of a local crowd for the game, were oot smarting for reveoge after the farce in Tallinn. "It won't make much

difference," he said.
Seotland curreotly heads World Cup qualifying group four with seveo poiots, ahead of Austria on goal difference after three games apiece. A victory would extend Scotland's lead to three clear poiots and if they follow up an expected wio io Monaco with bome wins against Estonia and Austria oo March 29

Moya broke Dreekman's serve in the opening games of the first two sets to win 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 on clay in

Thomas Enqvist clinched the rub-ber with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 win over

on Saturday by Australia, who com-

Paul Haadmis clinched the tie by

pair Ellis Fencira and Grant Stafford defeated Russia's Andrei Olbovsky and Andrei Cherkasov 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; 6-2 in a match carried over from

the Czech Republic over India with an easy 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 after the Czech No. 1 Petr Korda had levelled the tie

ence and I think you should leave at the top," Korda said. "Now is the

Against Drugs in Sport. Until recently, specimens were

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will then be forwarded to the laboratory in Cologne for a more thorough examination, including tests to detect anabolic steroids.

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#### LOCAL SCENE Jewish Hall of Fame announces inductees for '97

#### By HEATHER CHAIT

Hall of Fame inductees: Seveo American personalities are among the figures to be honored in 1997 by the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Joint chairmen of the USHOF. Alan Sherman and R. Stephen Rubin announced the names of those who will be inducted in July

at the museum at the Wingate Institute. The Americans are: Arthor Bluethenthal, Princeton University football All-America 1911 and 1912, Solly Krieger, world middleweight boxing champion 1938-39, Miltoo Green, Harvard's hurdler 1935-36, Mort Lindsey, tenpin bowling champion and Sid Tannenbaum, 1946 and 1947 NYU basketball All-America. Pillar of Achievement bonorees are Dr. William Lippy, a founder of the Israel Tennis

Centers and Murray Olderman, sportswriter and Israel's Margalit Sonnenfeld, past coach of Paralympics medalists, is also to be honored

with a Pillar of Achievement award. Ein Gedi Marathon: The thrill of running at the lowest point on earth will bring over 1000 numbers to the Dead Sea area on February 22, The 15th Ein Gedi Run, in memory of Giora and Tomer Ron, will include the 21.1 kilometer halfmarathon, a 10km race and a 2km children's

Sea will be 100 runners from Germany, who will first compete in the Luxor Marathon in Egypt and then cross through Taba to pick up their race at Ein Gedi. Bowls: Ramat Gan's ladies' ream had to wait

until the very last bowl from Zoe Slomowitz

Among the visitors to the shores of the Dead

before they could declare victory over Kiryat Ono's team in Netsnya. Playing for Ramat Gan were Freda Pincus, Nili Harpaz, Shosh Assiyahu and Slomowitz who inched ahead 15-14 over their victims Maya van Creveld, Ruthie Gilor, Shoshana Cohen and Vicky Saad. The men's section of the annual round robin

tournament sponsored by Shaked Tours, was

hardly as nailbiting. Ramat Hasharon's Josh Ekstein, Yehoda Bar-On, Amnon Ben-Avraham and David Navias sailed through 21-11 over Ra'anana's Antonio Rachminov, David Gordon, Myron Weinberg and Clive Peltz. Golf: Braving strong winds and cold weather were one hundred golfers at this week's monthly medal competition at Caesarea. Mati Geri won the A division with a one under par 74, with

Zev Abraham on the same score but with an inferior back-nine. Martin Cooper on 75 was Henry Konkier on 75 won the B division with Moshe Namdar and Teddy Kenny behind him

on 76 and 77 respectively. Izzy Rozenberg, a 22 handicap, had an excellent 42-43 for an 85 gross 63 net to win the C division. Jules Cuburnek was second on 70 and Dan Shalbar had 71.

The D division went to Marcus Mandel with 76 and Gabriel Fish and Shmuel Hochberg tied In the Coca Cola league, Herzliya and Kfar

Squash: Herzliyan soldier Ronen Goldberg is proving peerless in the squash circles. Top seed Goldberg won the Grand Prix at Ra'anana on

Shmaryahu are tied in first place after three

Drukman, from Kfar Hamaccabiah. Twenty eight players competed in the tournament, including two women who made it through the qualifying rounds. The national championships, from February

23-March 1, are open to all and closing date for registering is February 16.

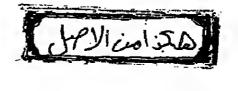
Badminton: This is not a sport for immigrants only. Hapoel Jerusalem is a strong contender in the national league and fully utilizes their four courts in Kiryat Hayovel. Adult matches are played on Monday and Thursdays. and children play on Friday afternoons. For more information about playing at any level, call (02) 6702829 or 6702921.

Show-jumping: The fourth national league show-jumping competition, delayed one week due to flooded arenas, was held on Saturday at Kibbutz Yagur's Riding Center. The junior league (16 years, 85 meters) was

won by Tzippori, Noa's team won the advanced riders (125m) event and Emek Zohar brought home the blue rozette in the intermediate league

The fallen: Among the soldiers who died in the helicopter accident were three sportsmen who gave up promising sports careers to serve in combat units. Erez Stark, 21, Avishai Gidron, 19, and Aviv Gonen, 20, were among the 73 vic-

Stark played volleyball for Maccabi Kiryat Bialik, Hapoel Kiryat Ata and the national youth team. Gidron was an outstanding handball player who helped bring his team; Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin, back to the national league and Goner, a judoka from the age of five, was a past nation-Saturday with a 3-0 win over second seed Dovik al youth champion.



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#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

British early-music ensemble I Fagiolini, comprising five singers, performs All the King's Men, a program of music selections from the Renaissance European courts, tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. This young-spirated ensemble, which records frequently and performs in festivals all over the world, brings its very special brand of authentic music-making and pure vocal delights to local music lovers, who in recent years seem to flock to every theater in which early music is performed.

Michael Ajzenstadt

The Tel Aviv-based Campus Orchestra opens its season with a selection of Beethoven, Vivaldi and Brahms. The orchestra, led by conductor and musical director Sam Zebba, is one of the country's foremost non-professional music bodies and has appeared on CBS's 60 Minutes and on local TV. Members of the 14-year-old orchestra are from a cross-section of society, including students, doctors, lawyers, engineers, recent immigrants, senior citizens, promising youngsters and foreign guests. Tonight at 8:30 at the new Janice and Philip Levine Concert Hall in Jaffa. Daphne Young

#### THEATER

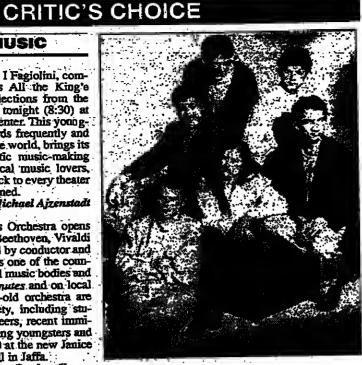
#### HELEN KAYE

and the graph of the first of the state of t Shakespeare in Beirut? You bet! Cameri artistic . director Omri Nitzan has directed a snavely acted, very sophisticated, very witty and very impudent Comedy of Errors which extols the benefits of peace without ever sermonizing. Dan Almagor's translation brings the jokes into the '90s while Ohad Shahar, Natan Datner, Ya'acov Cohen and Rami Baruch keep them aloft. The show has already played 200-plus times. Tonight on the Cameri main stage at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English) the first of the first of the second second

#### TELEVISION

#### ELANA CHIPMAN

A BBC documentary uncovering the story of British publishing mogul Robert Maxwell's rise and fall is on Channel 1 at 10 p.m. Maxwell: The Downfall follows his path to riches and his final struggle to survive the rumors and revelations of 1991: the man who could boast of ties to leaders. worldwide and the confidence of leading bankers



British early-music ensemble I Fagiolini sings in Tel Aviv.

in Europe and the US had used scams and frauds as the basis of his empire. The film also examines his mysterious death and tries to expose his ties to the Mossad and the KGB.

#### FILM

#### Adina Hoffman

\*\*\*1/2 SECRETS AND LIES - The winner of the Palme d'Or at the 1996 Cannes film festival, Mike Leigh's latest movie is an eminently watchable, stylistically unremarkable characterdriven melodrama. It's the story of Cynthia, a miserable middle-aged factory worker (played wrenchingly by Brenda Blethyn) whose bleak existence takes a turn for the brighter with the sudden reappearance of the grown daughter, a black woman, she gave up for adoption as an infant (the poised Marianne Jean-Baptiste). The picture is packed with fine performances and reflects Leigh's usual exacting, and often sharply comic eye for class and character nuance. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)

#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

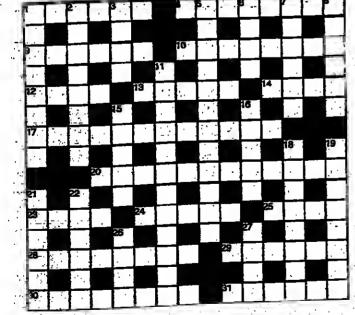
- 1 Give up playing chess (6) 4 Bless me! A strange get-together (8) ..
- 9 Sets out an increase in salary, we hear (6) 10 Get less iron (8)
- 12 Conceited fellow given to publicity (4) 13 Edgar out to get a degree
- 14 Information has bearing on hereditary factor (4)
- 17 What the crafty bounder kept? (3,4,5)
- 20 The strain of the French Revolution (12) 23 Game bird? (4) 24 Situation report (5)
- 25 Warriors make some grim pickings (4)
- 28 He designed furniture, to another a design (8) 29 Decide to stay (6)
- 30 Notice fewer without blemish (8) 31 One is supposed to look

# better for eating it (6)

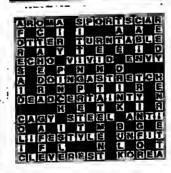
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- 5 They have no saving graces . 6 Aristocrat in a real mess (4)
- 2 Flag-ship rounds end of
- pier (8) 3 Ridicules supporters (4)
- support (6) 8 Level with the Spanish team (6) 11 Schemes put forward for places (12)
- 15 Turn up with mother's cats

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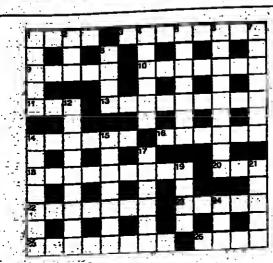
- 16 Mistake by a serving man
- (5) 18 Famoue actor neede projection to reach his audience (4-4)
- 19 During break, call up mum
- 21 In trouble, is repeatedly after credit (6) 22 Resign because of one's
- self-image? (6) 26 Dog-or part of one (4) 27 Risky transaction with a Greek character (4)



#### SOLUTIONS



Seturday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Pounder, 5 Flesh, 6 Henew, 9 Marital, 10 Discredit, 12 Rot, 13 Stripe, 14 Encamp, 17 Awl, 18 Labyrinth, 20 Primula, 21 Hoist, 23 Negus, 24 Dellish, 23 Negus, 34 Delish. DOWN: I Pared, 2 Urn, 3 Dewdrop, 4 Remade, 5 First, 6 Entertain, 7 Hillop, 11 Strolling, 13 Sharpen, 15 Narwhal, 18 Aboard, 18 Louis, 19 Hatch, 23 III.



#### QUICK CROSSWORD

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13 Pruning shears (9) 14 Alcove (6) 16 University, shoe 18 Chim (9) 20 Statch (3) 22 Sloth (7)

26 Repair (4)

23 Foreign (5) 25 Imperil (8)

2 Cut grass (3) 4 Halve (6) 5 Exhaust (7) 6 Ecstatic (9) 7 Clothed (7) 8 Responsibility (4) 12 Approve (9)

1 Freight (5)

DOWN

14 Get (7) 15 Austere (7) 17 Corsair (6) 19 Trim (4) 21 Decreased (5) 24 Anger (3)

E CHANNEL 1 6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 8:45 Good Morning

**EDUCATIONAL TV** 6:00 The Book of Genesis 8:30 Art Workshop 9:00 Reading 9:30 Health 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 French 10:30 Mathematics 10:40 Literature 11:15 Science

11:30 Science and Technology 12:00 Geography 12:30 Movie Magic 13:00 In the Heat of the Night 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:35 Babar the Elephant 15:00 Zombit

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Motormice from Mars 15:50 Booly 16:00 It's Alive - pro-gram about animals 16:25 Northwood 16:25 Northwood 16:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zap to Basel 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Shakeup – Iwe show 18:15 News in

English ARABIC PROGRAMS 16:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News flash 19:31 Muppets

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23:00 Dream On 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day E CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs 6:30 The Legend of Prince Valient
7:00 Coffee with Tel-Ad
- moming magazine
9:00 Ruby
10:00 Picket Fences 11:00 Love, Honor and Obey: Mafia Marriage - part 2 12:00 Nurses 12:30 Blossom 13:00 Open Cards 14:00 Echo Point

14:30 Junior News news magazine for youth 15,00 Aladdin -

16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshet 17:30 Everything's Open 18:00Thirtysomething 19:00 Hartzufim 19:20 The Price is

Right 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmei 21:15 Fact with Ilana Dayan 22:00 Gov Night 23:15 The X-Files

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13:00 Holy Koran 13:05 Cartoons 14:30 Tilt (comedy) 16:00 Movie: A Tribute to the Boys, with Laurel and Hardy 17:30 | Love Lucy 18:00 French pro-

19:30 News headines 19:30 News headines 19:35 Murphy Brown 20:00 America's Funniest Videos 20:30 Seduced by Madness, part 2 22:00 News in Empire of the Sun, star-ring John Malkovich and Miranda Richardson 00:00 Boston Pops

MIDDLE EAST TV 7:00 TV Shop 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Richard Scarry 15:25 Feature film: Four Dauces 16:55 Family Challenge 17:40 Family Matters 16:05 Saved by the

18:30 Larry King 19:30 World Nev Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Sliders 20:50 Movie: Desperado Outlaw Wars 22:35 Love 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Quantum

#### CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

Shopping

16:30 Yasin and Bahaya 17:30 From Day to Day 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Video Clips 20:00 News 20:45 Rumpole of the 21:40 Showcase

22:15 Cinema 3 23:15 Call Red **ETV 2 (23)** 

15:30 All Together Now 16:00 Mathematics for Bagrut 17:00 Mathematics in Daily Life 17:30 Bush Tucker 18:00 Family Album 18:30 Bitz on Carloons 19:00 The Book of

19:30 Mirror 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Dites Moi Tout - new series for learning French 21:00 Star Treic The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Movie Magic 22:30 Muses – docu-mentary about author Salman Rushdie 23:30 Moses in Jewish Tradition

# FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:15 Peria Negra (rpt) 11:15 Pens Negra (rpt)
12:00 Zingara (rpt)
12:45 The Streets of
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90210 21:40 The Тептог Inside (1996) – a woman undergoes psychotherapy and discovers that she harbors several per-sonalities. With Heather Locklear (90

mins.) 23:20 Night Stand with Dick Dietrick 23:45 Law and Order 00:30 ENG 1:20 North of 60 MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Non Ci Resta Chi Pianger (Italian, 1991) – comedy. A schootleacher and his assistant mysteriously return to 1492 and attempt to prevent attempt to prevent Columbus from discovering America 13:25 My Dear Secretary (1948) (rpt) 15:00 Russian Pizza Blues (Danish, 1992)

Blues (Danish, 1992)
— comedy focusing on the passengers of a Copenhagen bus 18:30 Strange Voices (1987) — a schizophrenic worman disturbs her triends and relatives (92 mins.) 18:15 Anything to Survive (1990) (pt) 19:45 Hamlet (1990) — Franco Zeffirell's version of version of Shakespeare. With Mel Gibson, Glenn

# Close, Alan Bates and Helena Bonham Helena Bonham Carter (129 mins.) 22:00 The Getaway (1994) – remake of the Steve McCueen classic. With Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger and James Woods. (115 mins.) 00:00 The Cement Gertler (1992) – Isur

Garden (1992) – lour siblings lose their parents and decide to hide their mother's body in the cellar. 1:45 The Disappearance of Nora (1993) (rpt) 3:20 The Education of

Allison Tate (rpt) E CHILDREN (6) 6:30 Carbons

9:00 Nils Holgersson 9:30 The Center of Things 9:45 Pink Panther Show 10:05 The Center of Things 10:20 Ocean Girl 11:05 Harry and the Hendersons 11:35 Little University 200 Shesh-Tus

12:30 Hugo 13:00 Make Believe 13:10 Popcomia 13:40 Tasmania 14:05 Little Flying Bears 14:30 Nils Holgersson 15:00 The Center of Things 15:15 Pink Panther Show 15:50 The Adventures of Pete and Pete

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16:00 Hugo 18:30 Inspector Gadget 19:06 The Little Bits 19:30 Step By Step 20:00 Animanians 20:20 Married with Children 20:45 Roseanne 21:10 Lois and Clark

SHOWING (6) 22:00 Marilyn Monroe: Life After Death (1994) - docu-mentary on the leg-endary actress. With

#### PRIMETIME Local 19:30 Vater Sabies Perta Negra 20:00 News Married with Children Ramat Aviv Gimmel 20:30 Lotto Triumph of the Fetus Beverly Hills 90210 Lois end Clark 21:00 Fact with tlane Dayan 21:30 The Terror Inside Marilyn Monroe: Life Atter Gov Night 22:00 Maxwell **Getaway** 22:30

rare footage and interviews with Norman Mailer, Hugh Hemer and others (76 mins.) 23:20 The Wrong Man (1957) about a New York
musician falsely
accused of a chain of
robberies. With Henry Fonda, Vera Miles and Anthony Quayle.

Dream On

(100 mins.) B DISCOVERY (8)

23:00

6:00 Open University - Rwanda: Genocide; History of the Red Army 12:00 Living in Africa, part 4 (rpt) 12:30 Taste of the Caribbean - Jamaica 13:00 Total Baby (rpt)

14:00 Open University (rpt) 16:00 Living in Africa (rpt) 16:30 Taste of the Caribbean 17:00 Total Baby (rpl) 16:00 Open University (rpt) 20:00 Water Bables a discussion of the

characteristics setting the human apart from other animals and their development 21:00 Triumph of the 22:00 Cyprus: Hostage to History 23:00 Water Babies (rpt)

University (rpt) SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Travel Xpress 6:30 VIP - new European talk show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 European Souzwk Box 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 CNBC Squawk

17:00 Homes, Gardens and Litestyle 18:00 MSNBC - The 19:00 National Geographic 20:00 The Ticket 20:30 VIP 21:00 Dateline 22:00 NCAA basketball 23:00 The Tonight 23:00 The Tonight
Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with
Conan O'Brien
1:00 Later
1:30 NBC Nightly
News with Tom
Brokaw
2:00 The Tonight

**PRIME SPORTS** 6:00 Ironman Triathlon 6:30 Goff: Johnny Walker Super Tour Taiwan STAR PLUS (unconfirmed)

8:35 Asian Soccer Show

10:30 Trans World

Sports 12:30 ITU Triathlon

World Cup 19:00 Trans World

Sports 20:00 Watersports

World 21:00 ISF Winter

Sports Tour 21:30 Thai Kickboxing 22:30 Ice Skaling

News on the hour

6:05 Panorama (rpl) 6:45 The Panel

World (rpt) 14:15 The Money

Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific

10:15 Panorama (rpt) 11:30 Tomorrow's

Programme 15:15 World Business

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6:00 Yan Can Cook 8:30 E! TV 7:00 Kate and Alie 7:30 Oprah Wintrey 8:30 The X-Files 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and

the Beautiful 11:00 imtihan 11:30 Khandaan 12:00 Hindi show 12:30 Land of the 13:30 Black Stallion 14:00 Kate and Allie

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Newshour Newshour 18:30 Holiday 17:15 Panorama (rpt) 19:30 Top Gear (rpt) 19:30 Film '97 (rpt) 20:00 The World Today 22:05 Panorama (rpt) 6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 18:30 National League Basketball 16:30 National League Handball -Maccabi Netanya vs. 22:45 The Panel 23:30 The Clothes Show Elitzur Herzliya 19:30 English League 00:00 World Business

20:30 To be announced 21:00 South American 22:00 NBA All-star game highlights

**EUROSPORT** 9:30 Swimming: World Cup Final, Paris (nt) 11:00 Speedworld 13:00 Eurogoals 14:00 Alpine Sking: 11:30 CNN World Championship. htaly – live 15:00 Funsports 16:00 Athletics: Indoor Meet, Finland 17:00 Biathlon: World Championshio, Storakia (mt)

Slovakia (rpt) 19:00 Skiumping: World Cup, Austria (rpt) 20:00 Motors 21:00 World's 21:00 World Strongest Man 22:00 Lightweight Boxing, London – live 00:00 Soccer: World Cup Qualifying rounds 1:00 Equestrian:

22:00 Larry King Live 23:00 European News 23:30 Investigative

Today 00:30 World Sport 2:30 Moneyline 3:00 Headline News

# **RADIO**

#### WOICE OF MUSIC 6:06 Morning Concert

9:05 T. Campion: 4
Songs; Anon: Miserere for coutnertenor
and lule; Haydn:
Symphony no 66;
Beethoven: String gernoven: String quartet op 18/8; Hugo Wolf:Irom Italien-isches Liederbuch; Ravel: Daphnis et Chloe; Prokofiev: 8

Sonata in F minor for violin and harpsichord Portugal
15:00 From the
Recording Studio –
New Israeli Woodwind Quintet — Eyal Ein-Habar (flute), Dudu Carmel (oboe), Chen Halevi (clarinet), Halevi (clarinet), Mauricio Paez (bas-

2:10 Newsnight INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 8:30 Investigative 7:30 Inside Politics 6:30 Moneyline (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showbiz Today

12:30 World Report 13:30 CNN American Edition 13:45 Q & A 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 18:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Earth Matters 19:30 Q & A Special 21:00 World Business

21:30 CNN World News 00:00 World Business

Piano Pieces op 52 12:00 Light Classical -Mozart: Serenade in E flat K375; R. Strauss: Suite in B flat for 13 wind instruments op 4 13:00 Artist of the Week - T. Koopman. Mozart: short works for harpsichord; Bach;

soon), Hezi Nir (horn), with M. Gurfinkel (bass clarinet). Mozart: Fantasy in F minor K608; Ligeti:

Bagatelles; E Quintet for for woodwinds: Berio: Zoo Opus 16:00 My Concert with Rafi Kaulman 18:00 New CDs - G. Gabrieli, B. Barberino: excerois from San Rocco Feast, J. Rocco Mozart: Jubilale; Exsultate Sonata for cello and

piano op 4 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls - (1) Rotterdam Philharmonic Orch. cond. Kurt Sanderling Louis Lorte (piano) Haydn: Symphony no 39; Ravel: Concerto for piano lelt hand; Shostakovich: Symphony no 8. (2) Sibelius: Pelleas and

Melisande: excerpts from Historic Pictures suite op 66 22:00 A Musical Journey

Volvo World Cup

2:00 Luge: Natural Track World Cup

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# **MOVIES**

Show with Jay Leno 8:00 MSNBC

Ceremonie 7:15, 9:30 ATZMON
Daylight@Trainspotting 4:30, 7, 9:15 \*
Gimmer Man 4:30, 7, 9:30 \* The
Rock@Independence Day 4:15, 6:45,
9:15 CINEMATHEQUE Smiles of a
Summer Night 7 \* Twin Peaks 9:30
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4:45, 7:15, 10 \* Kerna Sutra@First Wives
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# French defense minister arrives today

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

French Defense Minister Charles Millon arrives today for what the French are describing as a 48-hour "technical visit" aimed at getting acquainted with the Israeli defense establishment and improving defense ties between the two countries.

While both sides have expressed official optimism on increasing business. French military sources are skeptical that France, the world's third largest defense exporter, will be able to dent the strong procurement links Israel has with the United

This is Millon's first visit to Israel and he is to be received by at the Defense Ministry in Tel to discuss ways of reaching a officials with him. He is, instead, Aviv and then meet with Defense peace agreement with Lebanon, bringing a number of senior Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. Officials said Mordechai is to brief Millon on the strategic developments in the region, but they are also likely to discuss French participation in a possible peacekeeping force in

Millon has said in the past that France, which has a battalion of soldiers stationed in south Lebanon as part of UNIFIL, is willing to station more troops there for peace.

Last December, David Ivry, then director-geoeral of the Defense Ministry and now spe-cial adviser to Mordechai, alone with a number of defense offia full honor guard this morning cials paid a secret visit to Paris

a French source said...

Israeli and French officials are saying that the purpose of Millon's visit, which has been postponed twice before, is for him and Mordechai to get to know each other, and for defense lies, which are described as "good," to be strengthened.

However. French

military officials are

skeptical if there is a

**Charles Millon** 

bringing any defense industry them the IAF is content with its

chance to seriously increase defense trade their Jaguar and Tiger and/or cooperation. Millon is not belicopters, but Israel has told

tection. The French have reportedly pro-posed that Israel buy declined to identify the types of expected to start receiving three: products currectly being traded submarines built in Germany with the French, nor would they

Defense trade today is disclose the volume of business so low that French between the two countries. "The JDF is based on US equipment. The Americans are officials declined to give actual giving the Israelis a lot of aid," figures. It mainly one French military official said. revolves around the avionics market. The "It's hard to break that bond." French are also inter-

But Defeose Ministry sources said Israel is open to new mar-kets if the products are good. There is no reason why we can't purchase items in the future or do joint research and development," one source said.

There is also talk of France

building a larger ship for the navy. But considering that the

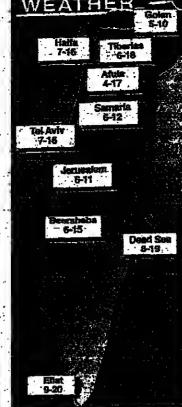
US-made Apaches.

Defense officials in Tel Aviv its Sa'ar 5 class ships and is this year, that concept seems far

> There are oo joint French-Israeli training exercises and oeither country appears eager for them to take place. France also does not use Israeli air space for training as the Americans do, and are doing this week in the

Negev.

There is currently a process of reciprocal visits of top brass between the two countries. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak visited France last September, and his counterpart, Gen. Phillipe Douen, is expected to visit in May.



AROUND THE WORLD

#### Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the seven of spades, eight of hearts, ace of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

#### Rape witnesses can't ID alleged attacker

The brother and sister of the 7year-old girl raped in Ramle last week were unable to identify the 13-year-old being held for the attack. As a result, the police will today ask the court that he be freed from jail, but held under house

# MKs take sides as 'Emigrant's Law' debate resumes

By LIAT COLLINS

A Knesset comminee discussion on the proposal to allow Israelis abroad on election day to vote for the Knesset and the prime minister turned into a stormy debate on the question of "Who is an Israeli?"

The dehate yesterday was held in the Knessel Immigration and Absorption Committee, mainly to give MKs another opportunity to express their strong opinions on the bill. Processing the bill is the responsibility of the Knesset Law

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud), who initiated the proposal, came under attack from some opposition MKs, most nonceably Naomi Chazan (Meretz), Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) and Ophir Pines (Labor), Rivlin defended the bill but conceded he would have to accept some changes.

The question is no longer just 'Who is a Jew' but 'Who is an Israeli' and 'Who is an emigrant?' Who has the right to hold a valid Israeli passport? he said.

We mustn't forget that even under the current Citizenship Law any Israeli who happens to be here or can afford to fly here specially can vote on election day. We cannot ignore the numbers of people who go abroad to study, work for a while or improve themselves. But we should avoid the possibility that someone who immigrates for a week to get all the rights can then leave permanently and still be considered an Israeli.

Pines described the bill as "embarrassing" and Chazan called it "anti-Zionist." But some Labor MKs, such as Micha Goldman, did

not dismiss it out of hand. There are some 300,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union who at least 5 percent of their earnings live elsewhere without ever hav-

ing passed through Israel. This bill could act as a springboard to reach them and get them to come here. It's not a populist bill. It's worthy

of discussion," Goldman said. According to Immigration and Absorption Ministry officials, there are some 500,000 Israelis living abroad, of whom 380,000

Former emigrants who returned here told the committee they had tried to stay in louch with the country, paid national insurance taxes and felt close during periods of crisis. They said the law would probably help encourage other emigrants to return by making

them feel wanted. Many MKs, however, focused on the right of emigrants who are not serving in the IDF to influence affairs of war and peace.

"You're saying that a person who decided to leave the country bas the same rights as someone who serves in Lebanon?" asked Pines. "This is not the bill of a Zionist It's a political bill."

MK Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) said the arguments against the bill are "bypocritical."

Those same people who criticize it don't hesitate to rush to ask emigrants to donate money," Stem said. He said only someone who actually cared about the country and felt attached to it would vote

Meanwhile, Ephraim Oshaya (Labor) submitted a bill yesterday under which Israelis living abroad could only renew their passports if they had fulfilled their military service obligations; spent at least three months in Israel in the three years prior to the request to renew the passport; and paid the Treasury



Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, gestures during a meeting yesterday with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem. Pope John Paul II definitely plans to visit here by the end of 1999, Cassidy said. Until now, Vatican-watchers had assumed that the pope would make a pilgrimage here during the year

# Reform rabbi may bring Lau, Sabbah together

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel and the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem live only a few kilometers from each other, but it may take a Reform rabbi from America to bring them together.

Both Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and Latin participants in a conference on "The Future logue between local Christians and Jews, of Jewish-Catholic Relations in the World and in Israel/The Holy Land," sponsored by the Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Foundation, area, the political leaders are ahead of the Church begun a dialogue.

the Foundation to Advance Interfaith Trust and Harmony (FAITH), the Interreligious Coordinating Committee in Israel (ICCI), and the Israel Jewisb Council for Interreligious Relations (UCIR).

During the meeting with Lau, Rabbi Mark Winer of FAITH said that the group had earlier called upon Sabbah, who had expressed the wish that there could be more of a diaincluding the chief rabbis.

Winer quoted Sabbah as saying that in this in Bosnia had his courch and the Orthodox

religious leaders. Lau answered that Sabbah was right, but that in a situation where people are fighting for their lives, it in reasonable that the political leaders, who have more influence, take the infinitive. However, he added, he would be happy-

to meet with Sabbah, whom he has never met. Commission for Religious Relations with vivor, Lau said, he feels he cannot face such the Jews, noted that only after the fighting

"If our church and the Orthodox Church had been in good relations, then maybe we would not have prevented the fighting, but we could have helped," Cassidy told Lau.

Earlier in their meeting, Lau had proposed to Cassidy that religious leaders establish an international committee to extend help in Commenting on the issue, Cardinal places like Ruanda and Zaire, where people Edward Cassidy, the head of the Vatican were dying of bunger. As a Holocaust surwere dying of bunger. As a Holocaust horrors without taking action.

Cassidy responded that the Vatican would be open to such an idea.

#### Foreign airlines snub rabbinate

The foreign airlines serving Israel last week decided to disregard the Chief Rabbinate's demand to serve only kosher food on flights from Israel. In a letter sent to several airlines last month, Rabbi Levi Bistritzky, head of the rabbinate's kashrut division, said the rabbinate had received inquiries from passengers who had assumed that all food on planes leaving Israel was kosher. Bistritzky demanded that the airlines either serve kosher food to all their passengers or clearly label their meals as non-kosher.

Airline sources said they would continue to serve kosher meals to passengers who request them, but would not force their passengers to eat Haim Shapiro

# Deri questioned for fourth time in Bar-On affair

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri was questioned by police for several hours yesterday evening on issues relating to the "Bar-On-for-Hebron" allegations, the fourth time he has been ques-

Others said to be involved in the deal, including businessman David Appel and Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, are expected to be questioned again in the next few days. Deri, Lieberman, and Appel are considered by police to be main players in the alleged deal, and

the investigation over the past sources said. week has focused on them.

The investigators have not yet uncovered any proof that attorney Roni Bar-On made any illegal agreements in advance of his appointment as attorney-general, nor is there any evidence that Shas conditioned its support of the Hebron redeployment agreement on Bar-On's appointment,

But police investigators helieve that there is evidence pointing to fraud and breach of trust by some of those involved in the affair. There are suspicions that certain officials made efforts to have Bar-On appointed, in the hope that as attorney-general Bar-On would protect their interests. gave incorrect information and withheld information from senior officials, including the

prime minister. Police are also investigating whether some of those involved in the affair threatened officials in the Prime Minister's Office who opposed Bar-On's appoint-

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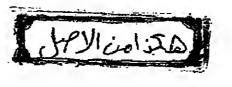
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